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In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Richards School
and the generous gift of Dexter Richards one hundred years ago,
the Town of Newport invited students of Richards Elementary School
to illustrate Newport's 1995 Annual Town Report.
The Town of Newport wishes to thank all those students
who have contributed to this year's Town Report
and to recognize the monumental contributions
of Dexter Richards and his family.

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A fine representation of
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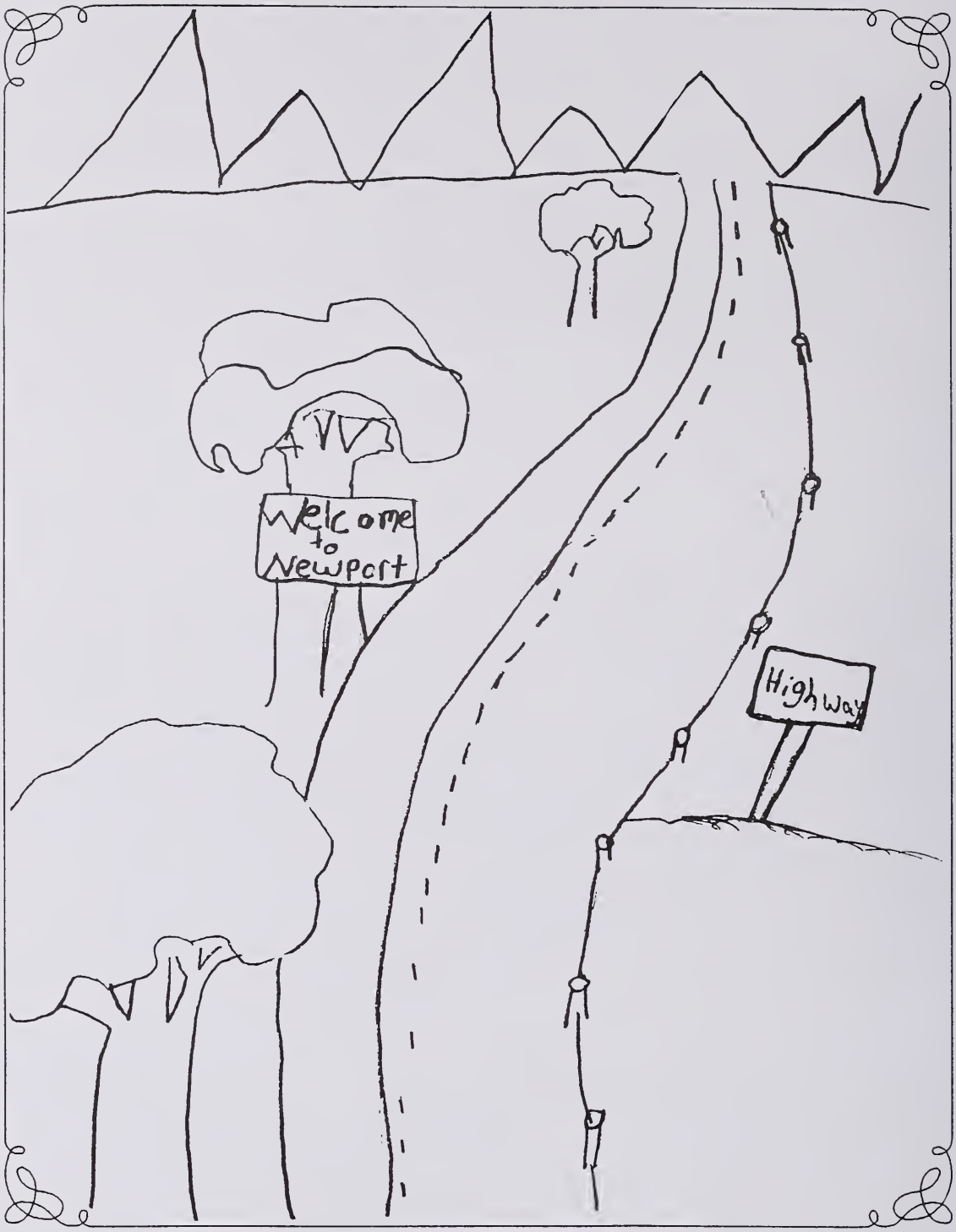
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"Welcome to Newport"
By Michelle Burth
Age 8

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In Dedication
Soterios A. (Sam) Saggiotes



Soterios A. Saggiotes was born in Newport, New Hampshire to Arthur and Georgia Saggiotes who had immigrated from the Peloponesos in Greece. Known as "Sam" to most Newporters, from a very early age, he worked at the Priscilla Restaurant, which his family owned.

He attended Newport schools and graduated from Towle High School in the class of 1940. Following the call to arms to protect our nation, he joined the United States Marine Corps and saw extensive action in the Pacific theater of China and Okinawa. Returning to Newport in 1946, he married Evelyn Karras and settled into the family restaurant business, the "*Priscilla Sweet Shop*", on Main Street.

A lifelong member of the Democratic party, Sam was involved in a variety of local state and national races. He was also dedicated to improving the quality of life in Newport. As a businessman, he worked actively with the Chamber of Commerce, and he was elected to the Board of Selectmen. During his tenure, the present District Court Building was renovated and restored, along with the present Town Office building and the Opera House. The construction and replacement of several bridges was also accomplished. Sam obtained Federal grant monies to achieve all of these projects.

When Sam was in the Marine Corps in World War II and a mess sergeant, he was approached one day by Jim, a fellow Greek-American, who complained to Sam about the terrible "chow" the Marines were eating and how tired everyone was of egg plant dishes. Sam asked Jim and his buddy to come back into the galley to see if something better could be found. Three T-bone steaks were found and the men had a great meal. Later, a similar incident occurred with Jim asking Sam if he could have two pork chops instead of one. Sam found several pork chops and they had another fine meal. Years past and Selectman Sam Saggiotes was researching funding for the renovation of the primary school building and the former Grange Hall conversion to a District Court. He and the town planner were looking over the application when Sam recognized the name of the federal official. It was Jim whom Sam had befriended years earlier. Reaching him by phone, Sam reminded Jim it was payback time. Appropriate forms were filled out and hand delivered to Jim the next day in Boston. As a result of the "wheels moving" and in due time, Newport was allotted several hundred thousand dollars for the renovation of the two buildings at no cost to the town's taxpayer. Now the buildings were renovated, but the courthouse had no furnishings. One day Governor King was sitting as judge in the Newport Superior Court and visited the Priscilla Sweet Shop for lunch. Governor King was told of the plight of the Court House. King suggested Sam contact Roger Crowley, a former candidate for governor, who was in charge of appropriate funds. But Roger Crowley was a Democrat whom neither Sam nor Harry Spanos had backed. Regardless, Sam went upstairs to Harry's office and suggested he make the call. When Harry told Crowley that Governor King had suggested he be contacted, Crowley softened and asked how much money was needed. Harry put down the phone and asked Sam, who said he didn't know but to tell him we needed $12,000. Harry relayed the number and being a good bureaucrat Crowley said, "Well, will $15,000 be sufficient?" Harry quickly agreed, and the money soon was available to furnish the courthouse.

As a businessman, Saggiotes Realty owned and restored a number of buildings on Main Street. As Chairman of First Citizens National Bank, Sam oversaw the construction of the present First NH Bank building. Sam has always been a devout patron of Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, where he has served on the Board of Directors for 30 years. In addition, he has served as Trustee to the Holy Cross Theological School in Brookline, Massachusetts. His dedication to the Holy Church was recognized by his Holiness Dimitrios, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. He was elevated to the title of "Archon" and inducted into the Order of Saint Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarch. The Order, in its 1500 years of existence, elevates only about two dozen members of the laity through the entire world every year. Mr. Saggiotes is its member in the state of New Hampshire. An active veteran, he was also inducted as an honored member of Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #1 in Paris, France.

Sam is also a charter member of the Newport Aeronautical Commission which has continued to improve our town airport. On the State level, Sam has served as a Commissioner on the Para-Mutual Racing Commission and later as its Deputy Director.

Sam and Evelyn have three children and five grandchildren, and Sam's favorite activity is spending time at his summer place watching the grandchildren laugh and play in the water

Mabel Underhill, age 103
1995 Boston Post Cane Recipient



Sel.Stoodley, Mabel Underhill, Chairman Nichols & BobUnderhill

Presenting the Boston Post Cane has been a tradition since 1909 when the Boston Post newspaper forwarded to New England towns a handsome, inscribed, complimentary gold-headed ebony cane, with the request that it be presented, to the town's oldest citizen. Attracting much attention throughout New England, selectmen enthusiastically took up the idea, as the canes were not only handsome gifts, they were a tribute to honored, useful lives. The canes have also come to symbolize the integrity of its recipients and recognize an incredibly long, full life.

On December 19, 1995 Gary Nichols, Chairman of our Board of Selectmen, presented Newport's Boston Post Cane to Mrs. Mabel Underhill, age 103, at the Woodlawn Nursing Home where she presently resides. Mrs. Underhill was born in Brooklyn on October 15, 1892, eldest of five children, all blessed with longevity. Mabel met her husband, Irving, while traveling up the Hudson River on the Washington Irving. After WWI and early in their marriage, Master Sgt. Underhill flew with the Flying Circus. Retiring from business in 1970, the Underhills traveled extensively across the U.S., and Mrs. Underhill proudly states except for Alaska and Hawaii, she has been in every state in the country. In 1977 the Underhills moved to Florida, and after her husband's death, Mrs. Underhill came to Newport to live with her son, where from 1990 until May 1995, she was a resident of Turkey Hill Road. While Mrs. Underhill may be a relative newcomer to our town compared to the number of years she has lived, Newport is certainly more-than-familiar with the name "Underhill" because of her son Bob, who came here in the 1950's and spent 17 years as physical education teacher and football coach in Newport schools. Mrs. Underhill also has grandchildren who are Newport natives, and many great grandchildren.

The secret of receiving the Boston Post Cane is, of course, growing old, and the secret of growing "very old" ranges from genetics to serendipity. Mrs. Underhill appears to have inherited both good fortune and longevity. She joins a group of very distinguished people in the chronicles of our history. She is the 18th known receipient of Newport's Boston Post Cane and by virtue of that, she is Newport's oldest and most honored of its citizens.

Philanthropist Dexter Richards
1818-1898

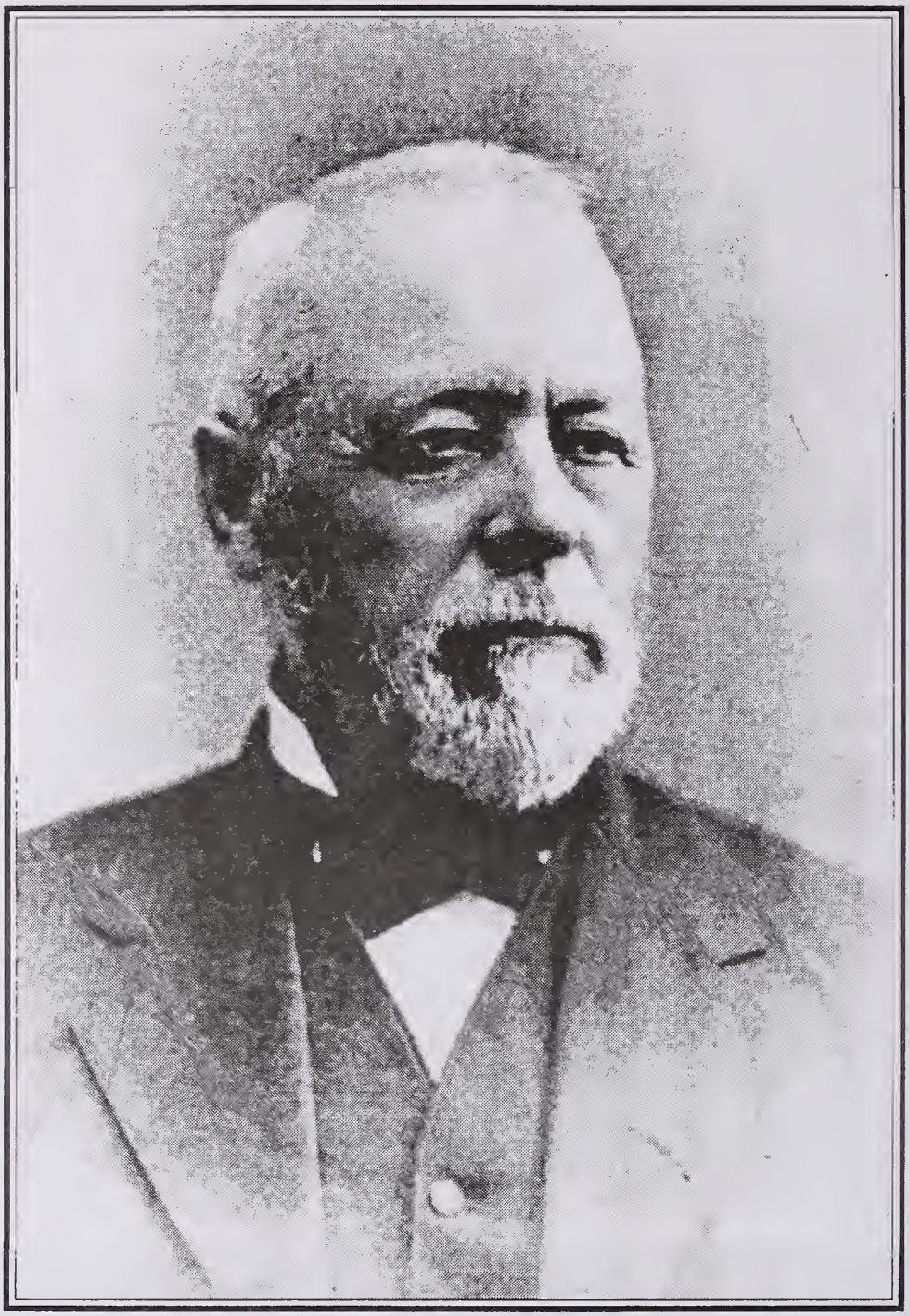


Photo: Courtesy of Richards Free Library

The Richards Family

The ancestry of the Richards family was a distinguished one, traceable to the Archbishop of Canterbury in the reign of Henry II (1154-1189). They were renowned in English history, and they were distinguished in Newport's history — the family whose name has most often been associated with gifts of great magnitude in Newport has been that of the Richards Family.

About 1800 Sylvanus Richards came from Dedham, Massachusetts and soon established the family habit of having plenty of money, becoming a prominent and influential citizen in town. He had a large farm, ran a wayside inn, and raised a large family. He was at one time one of the largest land-holders and taxpayers in town. Later he moved into town and bought the Rising Sun Tavern, built in 1811 by Gordon Buell, father of Sarah Josepha Hale. He was often a town officer.

Capt. Seth Richards, son of Sylvanus, born in Newport (1792-1871), became the late William Cheney's successor in the Cheney Store, implementing many of the plans that one of Newport's earliest and important benefactors, Col. William Cheney, had begun. He had a successful trade business for many years. He sold this business, and in 1854 bought the Sugar River Mills, established six years prior by his brother-in-law, Perley Coffin, and John Puffer. Production changed from 'all wool flannels' to 'gray mixed flannels,' a line of goods which was a leading product of this factory. Together with his son Dexter, he had a prosperous trade until he retired from active business. He was a shrewd trader, but a man of the strictest integrity. He was postmaster, a selectman for four years, a representative in 1833, and an officer in the militia.

Hon. Dexter Richards

Born in Newport (1818-1898), the oldest of a family of eight, son of Capt. Seth and Fanny Richards, he was a grandson of Sylvanus Richards. Looking back to his boyhood, the early life of Dexter Richards was not unlike that of many other New England boys. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Industry and frugality were practiced by his family by necessity. His education was limited; he did not complete a course of study at any institution. He was a self-made man — the "architect of his own fortune." A tireless thinker and worker for over half a century, a man whose exceptional ability not only built a large fortune, but placed him in many positions of responsibilities, the life of Dexter Richards was not only active, it was purposeful, deep, and broad. It had in it all the elements of success. It had an outlook, both aspiration and inspiration, and its inspiration was broad and beneficial. Dexter Richards was a cheerful, kind-hearted man and a man of great caution and shrewdness.

He began his business career as a colleague of his father and his brother, Abiathar, in the mercantile business at the "Cheney Stand" where Richards Block is now located. In 1853 he was an important factor in the management of their business and became his father's partner in the ownership of the Sugar River Mills. The mill was enlarged in 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, to accommodate government contracts, and enlarged again in 1864 and 1874.

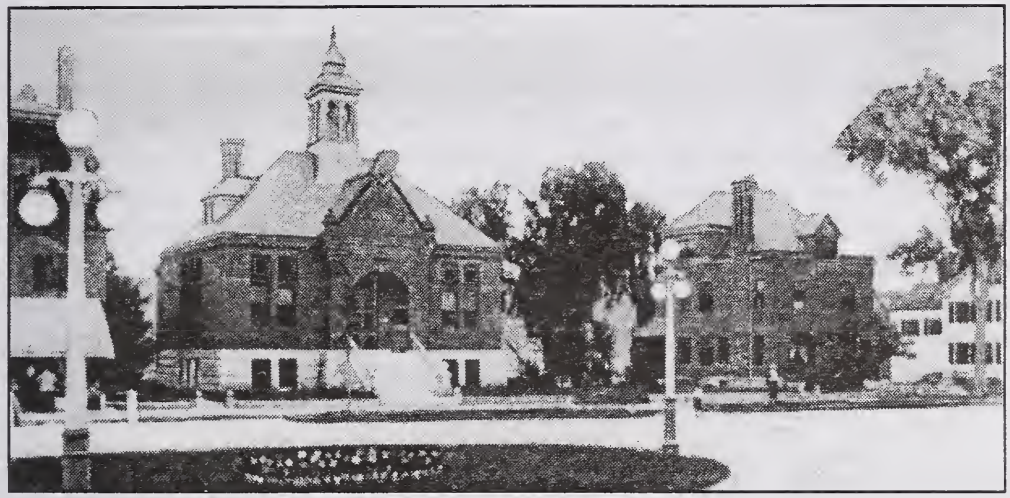
In 1867 Dexter Richards became its sole owner. Five years later, his oldest son, Col. Seth Mason Richards, became associated with him under the name of Richards & Son and still later his youngest son, William F., was taken into the business, after which the business became Dexter Richards & Sons. It became Newport's chief industry and remained so for some 75 years. The principal product of this mill was known the world over as the "D.R.P." (Dexter Richards, Proprietor) flannel and the trade-mark was regarded as an absolute guaranty of excellence.

It was the mill that gave Dexter Richards an opportunity to exercise his remarkable financial ability and enabled him to lay the foundation of his great fortune. He was the town's most successful and wealthiest citizen. Few men in 19th century New England rose so rapidly to millionaire status as he did. He also had extensive business involvement outside his manufacturing business. From 1878-1998 he was connected with the First National Bank of Newport as either its President or one of the Trustees. He was a Charter member of Newport Savings Bank in 1868, its first President elected. He did a great deal to build and beautify the town. Besides enlarging and rebuilding his manufacturing plant, he replaced the old Cheney store with the town's largest and most imposing business structure, known as the "Richards Block." He reconstructed and enlarged the Cheney brick home into a commercial building, giving it the name of the Cheney Block. He erected many other buildings in the village; not to mention the beautiful home where he resided.
He was intensely interested in the development of his own state, and he gave generously to its charitable and educational institutions. But the center of his interest was his own town. He was devotedly attached to Newport and intensely interested in its material, social and religious development and prosperity. His gifts for improving Newport exceeded $90,000. He also gave liberally in support of its business and social interests. He became town clerk, selectman, represented the town in General Court, a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1872, a trustee of the NH Asylum for the Insane and the Orphan's Home, a member of the NH Executive Council in 1871-2, and in 1876 a delegate to the convention for revising the state constitution. He was a member and Deacon of the Congregational Church and greatly interested in its prosperity and success, contributing generously to the building of a chapel, a beautiful parsonage, and providing funding in its entirety for a new church organ. He was a patron of education as well. He gave $1,000 to establish a scholarship at Dartmouth College and was a trustee of Kimball Union Academy. His influence for good was far in excess of that of the average man.

But the greatest monuments to his memory in the way of public buildings are the Richards Free Library, the Richards School, and the enlarged Congregational Church. These magnificent gifts, so unselfishly bestowed for the use and benefit of his fellow townsmen, would proclaim for years to come, more powerfully than words, the character of this great benefactor.

To the great advantage of the community in which we live, Dexter Richards donated a generous portion of his wealth. In 1888 the educational system of the town was greatly enhanced by the generous donation of a beautiful, costly, and finely-appointed free library building by the Hon. Dexter Richards. The Richards Free Library was built on Main Street and opened with 100 books. Local architect, Hira Beckwith, of Claremont drew the plans. Dexter Richards also had

built a brick house, called the "Library House," just north of the Library, the rents from which were used to support the Library. For many years the rents were the only library income other than what the Trustees (mainly Richards family members) provided.



Richards Library and Library House
Richards Library Collection

There is one important thing which Dexter Richards did for the community which is sometimes overlooked. He took part in securing the extension of the Concord and Claremont Railroad from Bradford to Claremont junction. It was mainly through his influence that this branch of road was chartered in 1866, and had it not been for his large contribution of $11,000, the enterprise would not have been completed nearly as soon as it was. He also promoted the establishment of the water system, and at his own expense, had preliminary surveys made to Gilman's Pond and to Long Pond prior to the installation of Newport's water system in 1895.

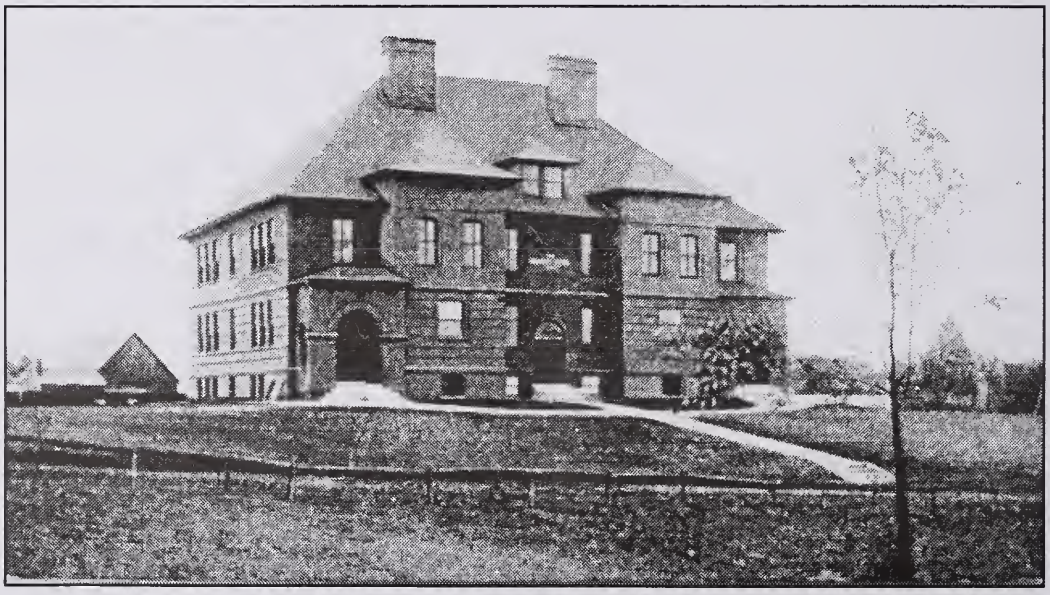
He was not only interested in his own town, he was proud of it — proud of its history and traditions and of the men and women who helped to make it what it is. He, more than any other man, left his impression upon it, and whatever it is today is largely due to the influence of his untiring interest, devotion, contributions, and generosity. He is one of Newport's two all-time most generous benefactors. The grandeur of his endowment and character which prompted him to perform so many noble deeds also rendered him an exemplary person in many walks of life as he was approachable by the humblest of fellow citizens and an inspiration for those who followed.

On January 27, 1847 Dexter Richards married Louisa Hatch, daughter of Dr. Mason and Apphia (Andrews) Hatch. Six children were born to them: Elizabeth, Seth Mason, Josephine, James, Eugene, and William. Three of the six children survived childhood: Col. Seth Mason Richards of Newport, Josephine E. (Richards) Gile, wife of Professor Gile of Colorado College, and William Richards, a graduate of Harvard College. Mr. and Mrs. Richards also adopted and educated two children, Sarah Quimby, a successful teacher, and Elizabeth (Bessie) L.

Biddlecome (1880-1953), a graduate of the Richards School and Smith College, class of 1904, also a teacher of high school English in Boston. On January 27, 1897 Hon. And Mrs. Dexter Richards celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and the event was one of the most remarkable social events that ever took place in the history of the town. Their home was opened up and the town invited.

At the end of the 19th century, Hon. Dexter Richards was mentioned as a candidate for governor, if he could be persuaded to be a candidate. He chose not to be and used the money the party wanted him to donate to build a much-needed school for the town of Newport. Dexter Richards never grew old at heart. He had no difficulty communicating with the youth of Newport, and there was no one whom young people more gladly welcomed than the Honorable Dexter Richards. In 1896 Dexter Richards placed at the disposal of the school district the sum of $25,000 for the purpose of building a new and modern upper grade/high school: "Erecting a commodious and well-enabled building, with all modern arrangements to accommodate the high school and grammar grades..." Mrs. Richards added $2,500 to his donation to give the building white granite trimmings.

Dexter Richards finished his career in 1898, full of years and honors, having contributed more to the material prosperity of the town of Newport than did any other man. He and his wife, Louisa Hatch Richards, are honored with a bronze tablet found at the rear of South Church recounting some of their many virtues and good works. Their eldest son, Seth Mason Richards achieved an almost equally distinguished career in business and politics. The Richards Block, Richards School, Richards Library and Richards Mill remain as monuments to the business and public spirit of these men and this family — an indication of the very great public service and legacy of this Newport family.



Richards School
Photo: Circa 1900, Courtesy of Ray Reid

No one present at the Annual School Meeting of the town of Newport on March 24, 1896 forgot the scene which took place on that eventful day. For years, as the time for holding the annual school meeting came around, the subject of a new high school had been warmly discussed. On the day in question, Hon. Dexter Richards, a native and life-long resident of Newport, who had been an attentive listener to the proceedings of the meeting, rose from his seat and proposed to give the school district the sum of $22,000, the estimated cost of the planned building. This announcement took those assembled completely by surprise. Dexter Richards had already been an exceedingly liberal public benefactor. He had given $55,000 for the establishment of a free library in Newport; $10,000 for the improvement of the First Congregational Church in Newport; $11,000 towards extending the Concord & Claremont railroad from Bradford to Claremont, while his out-of-town gifts had exceeded the princely sum of $125,000. Under these circumstances, nobody in Newport expected that he would present the town with a new high school building. Immediately following the announcement, after a few moments of silence, loud and prolonged applause broke out, showing that this magnificent gift was hailed with glad and grateful hearts. Before the meeting closed a vote was unanimously passed to name the institution ***"The Richards School."***

The building committee selected by Mr. Richards consisted of D. J. Mooney, S.D. Lewis, P.A. Johnson, F.P. Rowell, and B.F. Peasley. Mr. Richards was freely consulted by this committee and his suggestions were helpful to them. When it came to be understood what was needed in the proposed building, Mr. Richards and his wife generously increased the amount of their gift to $25,000. The lot on Chase Street (now School Street), on which the building was erected, was about 1.5 acres, made up of three parcels of land (formerly owned by Chase, Bartlett and Robb). It was centrally located and high enough to furnish a fine view.

The architects hired were Wilson & Webber of Boston. All work was done by day, and Newport workmen were employed whenever practical. The building was of brick, with brown sandstone trimmings, 96 feet long, 60 feet wide, two stories high each 12 feet, with a 9 foot basement, and with what was known as a "sharp pitched hip roof," which was slated. In its construction 300,000 Lebanon brick, 400 casks of lime, and upwards of 100 M. Feet of coarse lumber were used.

The school was to have several novelties — it was to be steam-heated instead of being heated by stoves; it was to have physics and chemistry laboratories; the finish was to be in cyprus, and it would have a lunch room and large play room at each end of the building with a boiler room in between. It would also have flush toilets in the basement. The boiler room was paved with stone, and the lunch and toilet room floors were cemented. It occupied a large lot near St. Patrick's Church, crowned with a shining slate roof. There were three school rooms on the first floor, to be occupied by the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, total seating capacity: 170... On the second floor was the high school room, with seating capacity of 100, with two spacious recitation rooms opening from it. At the east end was the laboratory, 28 by 34 feet; the library, 16 by 18 feet, and the principal's room, while between the two stairways is a spacious wardrobe. On the third floor an assembly hall 33 by 47 feet, with a stage occupying additional space of 17 by 18 feet has been finished off by the Newport High School Alumni Association, to be known as Alumni Hall. It proved to be a magnificent building.

The Building Committee in its report to the town stated: This building stands as another monument of the far-seeing generosity of Dexter Richards.... Grateful emotions will be awakened in the hearts of all who shall look upon the kindly face of Dexter Richards (portrait) as they enter this room... The money placed in the hands of the Building Committee has been expended.... We congratulate ourselves, we congratulate you that with the means at our disposal, without exceeding the amount by more than $200, so capacious, so convenient, and so imposing a structure has been erected, which shall stand as a monument to the noble generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Richards, and which shall prove so rich a blessing to present and succeeding generations."

Honorable Dexter Richards, in receiving the keys and delivering them to the School Board spoke:

> *I thank you heartily for the kindly services your committee has rendered in the building of this house [of education]; for your valuable time, which has been given without stint and without reward; and for your patience and faithfulness in the prosecution and oversight of the complicated and troublesome work... For all this personal interest, and for your devotion to the highest good of our citizens and of generations yet unborn, God alone can reward you.*
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> *On an occasion like this, one cannot but resort to the remote past — to the days of our Pilgrim Fathers, who came to this inhospitable and stubborn land, enveloped in dense shadows on every hand, but within whose sturdy hearts burnt fires that lighted up the wilderness from the sea to the remotest mountain tops. Faith, hope and love — this was the splendid trinity that enabled them to brave every danger for themselves and their posterity, that freedom of thought , freedom of speech, and freedom of conscience might be transmitted as a priceless legacy to their children and their children's children.*
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> *Clear to them above all other thought was the necessity of religious freedom and moral worth, coupled with the highest possible education for the people. So churches and schools were established everywhere, as fast as circumstances and conditions rendered them possible, to be supplemented by libraries and colleges and college training for those whose tastes and longings and ambitions demanded the higher culture.*
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> *So, on every hand, as the years rolled by, the little red school-house sprang up in the clearings, growing, as it were, out of loving human hearts and the crannies of the rocks — ofttimes (such was the native thrift of our honored fathers) on the rockiest and most forlorn spot that could be found in the neighborhood. But who shall say that the boys and girls who shivered through the long winter days in those cheerless boxes were not heartier and stronger and more self-reliant for those bleak experiences, or that the reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar and spelling did not root themselves all the more*

deeply in their minds as they strove to warm their aching toes and tingling fingers.... And the rigid discipline of those days, punctuated and emphasized by the muscular school-master through the vigorous use of the birch switch, always watchfully and eagerly lying in wait on the two rusty nails over the quaint old fire-place, not infrequently supplemented other fires, and assisted in keeping the winter temperature of the airy school room up to summer heat. Those were rare and racy old days...

But while the Pilgrim Fathers brought with them most rigid ideas of freedom of conscience for themselves, they and their immediate descendants lapsed to a serious degree from their high plane. The assumption that we are right and the others all wrong, that we are orthodox and all the others heterodox, is a most human failing; and so freedom of thought and freedom of conscience went to the wall in the persecution of the Quakers and the banishment of Roger Williams. This was a serious thing — a blot on the otherwise fair escutcheon of our ancestors; but thank God through the benign influence of our churches and schools, established by these same hot-headed but really noble men, that intolerant shadow long since passed away. Those were good old times "when we lived under the king," but our own times are better. We can even discuss dispassionately the story of Jonah and the whale, and not feel like butchering the man who differs with us. And this is genuine progress.

Some of us, so far as education and educational methods are concerned, have changed our views on some points. This, I am sure, indicates advancement. Once we believed in vigorous corporal punishment; now with clear-cut recollections of certain youthful personal and pungent experiences in mind, we believe there are better and more wholesome methods of dealing with young culprits.

Once we believed that the three Rs were practically sufficient to make noble men and women; now we believe in a higher education for all — a general uplifting of... humanity in morals, education and religion; that the more intelligent a person can be made, the greater his individual value to society and the world.

Once we believed in the higher education of the boys, without much regard to the education of the girls: now we believe in high grade colleges for young women as well as young men, being logically sure that a high grade mother will bear brighter and nobler children and thus the world be pushed onward and upward.

Once we believed in the little red schoolhouse at the cross-roads of innumerable small separate school districts, with their inevitable meager educational advantages: now we believe, when circumstances are favorable, in consolidated or town districts, with, so far as possible, equal advantages

to all, near or remote. In this latter respect, New Hampshire has taken an advanced and most creditable stand, and although laboring under difficulties necessarily incident to her sparse population in certain localities, her people in the near future, everywhere within her borders, will gladly acknowledge the wisdom of the new and better way. So we learn from experience; so we change our views, and in the long run the sober second thought turns out to be the best. "Sir," said the able senator, "I have changed my mind, and I am proud of it; every thoughtful man has a right to change his mind whenever he can change it for the better."

The schoolhouse we are dedicating today to the use of the boys and girls of Newport ... is a beautiful and refined educational home. Its surroundings are of the best... It will draw within its hospitable walls nearly every one, who cares for the best his town can give. It cannot fail.... Here noble character will be formed; here unseen and unheard-of great qualities of mind and heart will be developed and strengthened; here, in daily association with the pure and noble hearted, even vice may be restrained, controlled and eradicated... Let us hope that this house [of education] may prove an incentive not only to the grandest intellectual achievements, but the maker and builder of character.... In education every boy and girl must carve his or her career from the yet shapeless block of their own life, but the nobly successful career must stand on character....



Richards School, Circa 1900
Photo: Courtesy of Newport Historical Society

The appreciation of the magnificent gift thus tendered found expression in prolonged applause as Mr. Richards closed his remarks and resumed his seat. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Perley A. Johnson, on behalf of the School Board and the citizens of Newport, responded:

Fortunate, indeed, are we to have as a fellow citizen one able and willing to make such a magnificent addition to our public buildings. Another valuable acquisition to our educational institutions is today placed at our disposal, and again Newport has become the debtor of Dexter Richards, and to an extent that only he can measure who can compute the results to posterity that shall arise from the advantages "The Richards School Building" will afford to the children of this and surrounding towns for generations to come....

John McCrillis then presented President W. J. Tucker of Dartmouth College who held the eager attention of his audience from the beginning of his address, Democracy and Popular Education, to its close, following which the audience proceeded to the new school building and assembled near the central entrance, Dr. Tucker made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, and breaking a glass filled with sparkling water upon the stone steps, christened the structure "the Richards School Building," declaring it dedicated "to the cause of education, temperance, and virtue." Three rousing cheers were then given for Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Richards, after which the doors were thrown open, and a general inspection of the interior was enjoyed by all.

Such a public educational institution not only has an increasing influence upon the character of a student but also upon the community at large, molding its thought, inspiring its youth and fitting them for the broad walks of life...The donors, Hon. Dexter Richards and his esteemed wife, in the presentation of this costly gift to the town, have reared unto themselves a monument by which they will long be remembered and which will be of everlasting benefit to the community. It is but one of the many gifts that this worthy couple have bestowed upon their native town, but it is the one of all others that was most needed, and lifts a heavy load from the shoulders of its citizens. It was a magnificent gift, and best of all, there was evident enjoyment in the giving. In accepting and using it, every citizen should be thankful that it was in the hearts as well as within the means of the donors to so generously and wisely contribute to the welfare of their native town. Would that we had more such public spirited citizens in our community. They honor the town, and the town through its citizens, would be remiss in its duty if it did not highly honor them.

The day was most auspicious for the dedicatory exercises which took place in the Opera House in the afternoon. Business was generally suspended and the hall was rapidly filled... President of the day, John McCrillis, Esq., in his opening remarks referred to the many kind and generous acts of Mr. and Mrs. Richards, of the high esteem in which they were held by their townspeople, and of the distinction Mr. Richards had acquired by his benevolence throughout the state.

It was indeed a red-letter day for the town of Newport, whose people appreciated most fully and gratefully the liberal generosity of their distinguished citizen and benefactor, the Hon. Dexter Richards... his estimable wife and family.

Col. Seth Mason Richards

Seth Mason Richards was born in Newport on June 6, 1850, eldest son and second child of Dexter and Louisa (Hatch) Richards. After attending public schools in Newport, he completed his education at Kimball Union Academy and Phillips Academy. In 1871 at the age of 21, he joined his father in the woolen manufacturing business at the Sugar River Mills, more commonly known as Richards Mill. Richards Mill had been in the possession of the Richards Family since 1854. In 1897, in addition to the "DRP" flannels, ladies' suitings began to be produced. The ordinary capacity of the mill was about 3500 yards per day, and goods were marketed in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. From 80-100 people were employed, including "native Americans, Irish, French, and Finlanders." All employees were made to feel their welfare and that of the mill were identical. This feeling, which management encouraged, contributed in no small part to the its success, and made it a strong factor in the general prosperity of the town itself. Seth Mason Richards had a prosperous business, an assured fortune, a delightful family, a pleasant and happy home, and the confident regard of his fellow citizens.



Col. Seth Mason Richards
1850-1910
Photo: Courtesy of Richards Free Library

Col. Richards was always an active participant in political affairs. He represented the Town of Newport in the legislature in 1885-6, was Senator in 1897-8, Governor's Council in 1902-4, and was Town Treasurer several times. His military title was gained by service on the staff of Governor Sawyer. He was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1908, but was unable to attend because of poor health.

Following the death of his father in 1898, Col. Richards was elected President of the First National Bank, a position he held at the time of his death. He was a trustee of the Newport Savings Bank, President of the Newport Electric Light Company and one of the original stockholders of Public Service, President of the Newport Improvement Co. during its existence

and was the first President of the Newport Board of Trade. He was a Director of the Northern and Connecticut River Railroad and a Director of the NH Fire Insurance Company, Treasurer of the Richards Free Library, and President of the Board of Trustees.

In 1898 Col. Richards built a residence on North Main Street, which was the finest in Sullivan County and among the best in the state. He married Lizzie Farnsworth and had three daughters, Edith, Louise and Margaret. A son, Dexter, died in infancy.

He was a major renovator of the Newport House in 1907, and, like his father, did his share of contributing to the "improvement and welfare of Newport." Stimulated by the "*Newport Spirit*," the Newport House became one of the most elegantly furnished and thoroughly equipped hotels in New England. In 1895 Seth Richards began building a foundation on Belknap Avenue on which to move and locate the Edmund Burke House. Seth Richards' mansion was to be built on the site of the former Edmund Burke House and was destined to be "one of the most notable private residences in the state." Designed by architect James T. Kelley in 1897, it was three years in construction, and even Mr. Richards had some misgivings about the size and expense. The richly carved stairway filled the entrance hall, and delicate mantelpieces and arched doorways grace what are now the book rooms. Natural woodwork, rarely used in contemporary construction, winds through the halls and rooms. This house later became the home of Maj. & Mrs. D. Sidney (Louise Richards) Rollins.



Courtesy: Richards Free Library

Seth M. Richards became a representative and then a Senator, a member of the official family of Gov. Henry Quimby and a member of the Governor's Council. He was considered one of the most delightful men the state ever produced. Both he and his father were prominently mentioned for the governorship.

Col. William F. Richards
1867-1933

Col. William Richards was born in Newport, January 28, 1867, son of Dexter and Louisa Richards. He spent his boyhood here until his entrance into St. George's School at Newport, RI. He was later educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, Andover, and graduated from Harvard in 1889. About the time William was at Harvard, his father was nearing the peak of his career as one of the most successful business men of the state, and William went to Harvard as the typical rich man's son. To his lasting credit he came out a "democratic, if slightly aloof," young man, apparently willing and anxious to be of whatever use he might in his native community. Following his graduation, he traveled in Europe and remained an extensive traveler the rest of his life. His voyages included four trips through Europe, Panama in 1913, a long residence in Japan, and a tour around the world. It was in that year, 1888, that Dexter Richards presented the town the Library building with an endowment of $15,000.

Upon William's return from Europe in 1890, he busied himself with the ordinary concerns of the country gentleman. He owned fine horses and dogs, was one of the early devotes of the bicycle, both high and low and was one of the first to own an automobile. This last acquisition, however, was deplored by another member of the family, who remarked that as only the rich could own automobiles, their possession "aroused more envy and hatred of the rich than was well." William was a member of the school board before the days of superintendents, and like his father and mother, was a staunch friend and helper of South Church. He had leisure, money and taste always to be faultlessly dress. For some time after he finished school, he was interested in his father's woolen business. In business, however, William had neither the genius of his father, Dexter, nor his older brother, Seth, but he could analyze keenly when he put his mind to it and act decisively when the occasion required, according to biographical accounts.

His health, however, handicapped his activities throughout his life. This and the fact that Newport was never an ideal place of residence for persons not immersed in business, led him to spend most of his later middle years in Colorado, where his brother-in-law, Dr. Gile, held a professorship.

His military title dates from 1901 when he served on the staff of Governor Chester B. Jordan and was a member of the Legislature. In 1904 he went to Colorado Springs to visit his sister, and he became interested in the formation of a new banking institution. In 1910 he became president of the First National Bank of Newport, succeeding his brother, Seth. He later resigned the position and spent most of his time in Colorado, though he kept an interest in New England through his summer place, the Lindens, at Sunapee. He was interested in the theater and thoroughly enjoyed making people laugh, also a characteristic of his brother, Seth. At age 47, William married Leora Moore in London in 1914, and three children were born to them: Katherine, Margaret and Dexter Richards. Leora predeceased William in 1932.

Col. Richards did many good turns to young men seeking an education, and sometimes afterward in establishing a business. His gifts to schools were notable and in 1915 he made possible the establishment of the children's room at the Richards Library.

Louise (Richards) Rollins
1883-1968

Representing the fifth generation of her family in Newport, Mrs. Louise (Richards) Rollins, like her forebears, was one of the town's leading benefactors and in 1962 gave her home to become the town's new library, replacing the Richards Free Library that her grandfather had built in 1889.



Louise (Richards) Rollins
1883-1968
Photo: Courtesy of Richards Free Library

Mrs. Rollins was born in Newport on August 17, 1883, the daughter of Seth Mason Richards and Lizzie (Farnsworth) Richards. She attended the Mary Burnham School in Northampton, Massachusetts and was graduated from Abbott Academy. In 1909 she married D. Sidney Rollins (1881-1959) in the Chapel of St. Andrews by the Sea in Rye, New Hampshire. Mr. Rollins was captain of the baseball team and a baseball star at Dartmouth College where he graduated in 1904. Mr. Rollins was a long-time trustee of Richards Free Library, a life long member of South Congregational Church and a Director of Brampton Woolen Company. He was long a leading industrialist, banker, and golfer in Newport until his death in 1959.

In 1962 Mrs. Louise Rollins gave her home to her grandfather's charity for a modern day library. Through her lifelong interest in the Richards Free Library, she knew the original library building had been adequate for a town of Newport's 1890 size, it had become inadequate for 20th century requirements. The old Library was sold to the Sugar River Savings Bank to make room for a new building. With its $15,000 endowment, it had functioned fine for many years. But in time, the rising cost of prices rendered the endowment insufficient even after a later donation by Deacon Richards of another $10,000.

The rescue came from an organization called "Friends of the Library," headed by Raymond Holden, (See Raymond Holden) and a most generous donation by Dexter Richards' granddaughter and Seth Mason Richards' child, Louise Richards Rollins, when she chose to

donate the home she had inherited to the Town of Newport for a new library. Mrs. Rollins said she was giving her home to the town because of her lifelong interest in the Richards Free Library, she knew the original building had become inadequate, and when her home became the new library, she knew it would be capable of serving the community's needs for the next quarter century. She could not think of anything nicer to give and it would have pleased her husband as well.

In the late 1967 the carriage house adjacent to the Richards mansion was remodeled and converted into a Library Arts Center and in 1988 a major fundraising campaign joined together as one facility the Richards Free Library and the Library Arts Center with much needed additional library stacks. The library complex is a visual anchor in Newport's Historic District.

Mrs. Rollins died in 1968 at the age of 85. She was survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. William (Linda) Harwick of Rochester, Minnesota; Mrs. Henry C. (Louise) Hawkins of Claremont; and Mrs. Sydney Rollins Badmington, of New London. Her oldest daughter Mrs. Coburn (Bettina) Wheeler died in 1960.

The Town of Newport and the Richards family have had a healthy and important relationship since just after the revolution and thanks to Mrs. Rollins' generosity, the family spirit of community service continues to benefit Newport's future generations.

— Documentation from the Richards Family Scrapbook
Courtesy of Richards Free Library

Town of Newport
General Information

Date of Incorporation October 6, 1761

Total Land Area 43.6 Square Miles

Elevation Above Mean Sea Level
Minimum (On Sugar River at Claremont/Newport Line) 584 Feet
Maximum (On Unity/Newport Line) 1,980 Feet

U.S. Congressional District Second

Representatives:
Charles Bass
142 No. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301
William Zeliff,
340 Commercial St., Manchester, NH 03101

U.S. Senators
Robert C. Smith
332 DSOB, Constitution Ave. & First St. NE,
Washington, DC 20510
Judd Greg
513 SHOB, Constitution Ave. & Second St. NE
Washington, DC 20510

Senatorial District Eighth

State Senator
Beverly Rodeschin
336 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773

State Representatives:
Gordon Flint, Sr.
21 Lincoln Terrace, Newport, NH 03773
Fredrik Peyron
PO Box 8, Newport, NH 03773
Robert Scott
34 Summit Road, Newport, NH 03773

District Court Newport
Number of Registered Voters 3,054
Population 6,110

1995 Tax Rate:

Town	$9.70
School	17.18
County	2.22
Total	**$29.10**

Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	Term Expires
Gary E. Nichols, Chair	May, 1998
John K. Lunn, Vice Chair	May, 1997
Roland V. Stoodley	May, 1996
Sharon L. MacDonald	May, 1998
Robert E. Collins	May, 1996

LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
Nancy H. Black	May, 1997

MODERATOR	
Louie C. Elliott Jr.	May, 1996

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST	
Heather E. Fraser	May, 2000
Martha E. Lovely	May, 1996
Ella M. Casey	May, 1998

TOWN CLERK	
Karlene W. Stoddard	May, 1996

TOWN TREASURER	
Jonathan A. Howard	May, 1996

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND	
Peter R. Lovely	May, 1997
Louise K. Hastings	May, 1998
C. Michael Sanderson	May, 1996

Appointed Town Officials

TOWN MANAGER Daniel P. O'Neill
Executive Assistant Sharon H. Christie

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS Larry A. Wiggins
Airport Manager Albert A. Gobin
Cemetery Superintendent Brian T. Richardson
Highway Superintendent Gilbert A. Stearns
Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent Arnold L. Greenleaf
Water & Sewer Superintendent Donald R. Boynton

AMBULANCE DIRECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER Brian W. Tracey

CIVIL DEFENSE CO-DIRECTORS David A. Hoyt
Bruce E. MacDonald

FINANCE DIRECTOR Paul J. Brown, C.P.A.

FIRE CHIEF John J. Marcotte

PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR David J. Jescavage

POLICE CHIEF David A. Hoyt

RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR P.J. Lovely, Jr.

TAX COLLECTOR Daniel P. O'Neill
Senior Deputy Tax Collector Elaine Van Dusen

*In the annual report of each department, there is a full listing of all Town of Newport employees.

Current Appointed Committee Members

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Francis Collins, Co-Chair	May, 1997
Cary Whipple, Co-Chair	May, 1998
Peter Anastos	May, 1998
Herbert Findeisen	May, 1998
Soterios Saggiotes	May, 1996
Robert Snow, Alternate	May, 1996
Robert Collins, BOS Rep	May, 1996
Larry Wiggins, Staff Rep	May, 1996

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lou Dean Franz, Chair	May, 1997
Polly Andrews, Vice Chair	May, 1997
Richard Brewer	May, 1998
Ella Casey	May, 1996
Carl Fitz	May, 1998
David Little	May, 1997
Patricia Rude	May, 1997
Sharon MacDonald, BOS Rep	May, 1996
Holly Harrison, School Board Rep	May, 1996

CDBG LOAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louie Elliott	Chair
Ella Casey	Louise Hastings
Anthony Maiola	Michael Sanderson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nancy Parssinen, Chair	May, 1997
John Liberman	May, 1998
June Liberman	May, 1998
Tracey Martino	May, 1997
Richard Petrie	May, 1997
Ray Reid	May, 1996
Jeanette Scales, Alternate	May, 1998

ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF NEWPORT (ECON)

Shaun Carroll, Sr, President — Mary Lou Reed, Vice President
Daniel O'Neill, Secretary — Stanley Berube, Treasurer
Rodman Black — Ella Casey
Robert Collins, BOS Rep — Stephen Ensign
Kathleeen Hubert — Michael Johnson
Stephen Marro, SCEDC Agent — Paul Skarin
Vernon Studer — RickThomas — Michael Work

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Lunn, Chair & BOS Rep	May, 1996
Sharon Christie, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Patrice Brewer, Secretary	May, 1998
Rogers Claggett, Historic District Rep	May, 1995
Jean MacConnell	May, 1996
Michael Dixon	May, 1998
Roger Nelson	May, 1998
Clifford Richer, Alternate	May, 1998

PLANNING BOARD

W. Howard Dunn, Chair	May, 1997
Jeffrey Kessler, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Ella Casey	May, 1996
Pauline Andrews	May, 1998
Frederick Jones	May, 1997
Karol Bentley	May, 1996
Frank MacConnell III, Alternate	May, 1998
Gary Nichols, BOS Rep	May, 1996
Sharon MacDonald	May, 1996

POLICE FACILITY COMMITTEE

Gary Nichols, Chair — *Marion Adams
†Peter Anastos — Karol Bentley
Philip Corbett — *Kevin Corliss
Carol Gutowski — Chief David Hoyt
James Lantz — *Anthony Maiola
†William MacDonald — Rick Thomas

*Resigned in 1995
†Appointed in 1995

Current Appointed Committee Members (Continued)

RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gary LaFountain, Chair	May, 1997
Mary Maxfield	May, 1998
William MacDonald	May, 1998
Dean Smith	May, 1997
Wayne Weed	May, 1996
Tabetha Nichols, Student Rep	May, 1996

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

David Kibbey	May, 1997
Peter Franklin	May, 1996
Don Lader, Jr., Alternate	May, 1996
John Lunn, Alternate & BOS Rep	May, 1997

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Anthony DiPadova, Chair	May, 1996
Fred Maxfield, Vice Chair	May, 1998
Ben Nelson	May, 1997
Peter Anastos	May, 1996
Richard Doxter, Alternate	May, 1997
David Kibbey, Alternate	May, 1997

Board of Selectmen
1995 Annual Report

Gary E. Nichols, Chairman John K. Lunn, Vice Chair
Roland V. Stoodley Sharon L. MacDonald Robert E. Collins

This Annual Report is actually a report of the 1995-96 fiscal year for the Town of Newport, outlining activities of the Board of Selectmen for the past year.

Change could best describe the past year. After serving the town for the last nine years, Virginia "Biddy" Irwin left the Board of Selectmen and set her sites on new goals for herself and the community. This brought about the election of Sharon MacDonald and Gary Nichols to three year terms and Robert Collins to the final year of George Martin's term.

One of the first items of business for the new board was establishing goals, based on the town-wide survey completed in the winter of 1995. The five goal areas were divided among the five board members with the intention of giving extra attention to each of these areas. The five goals were Roads and Bridges, Town Water and Sewer, Economic Development, Property Tax Rate, and Solid Waste. Within the Annual Report and Town Warrant are highlighted many of the steps to be taken to make progress towards our goals.

The Green Road CDBG Project was in full swing throughout the summer, rebuilding and resurfacing the streets between Oak Street and Green Road, improving the infrastructure with water, sewer and curbing in many areas within the project.

Newport also received notification that a two year CDBG project has been approved for improvements in the Pleasant Street area with matching funds from the Town. Total project cost will be over $900,000. We are in the design stages with a 1997 completion date.

Last June the Board of Selectmen, at the recommendation of Town Manager Dan O'Neill, entered into a contract with Community Alliance of Human Services, a non-profit agency, to oversee and manage the town's welfare program. During this time, costs have gone down and services to recipients have been better organized and incorporated with other agencies providing similar services. The program have been so successful that other towns have inquired as to how to set up the project and it has been widely reported throughout New England.

On September 19, 1995 Governor Stephen Merrill presented the Town of Newport with the Governor's Council on the Arts Community Spirit Award for the town's overall dedication to the arts. The Library, the Library Arts Center, Opera House Association, Recreation Department, Covered Bridge Festival, and the Newport School System, plus many more involved citizens and projects to name here, made this award possible. This led to interested citizens applying for, and Newport being chosen, to host the New England Artists Trust Congress IV in 1997.

At the Annual Meeting, the Police Facility Committee will recommend a new site and a much-trimmed cost package based on the information and citizen input from the 1994 Annual Meeting and from new information that has been acquired over the last year. This committee's effort in attempting to provide the community with a facility that is efficient, yet cost acceptable, should be realized this year. I invite you to read their report and recommendation within the town report.

The Water and Sewer Commission has been meeting quarterly with one of its most important goals to monitor progress and correct the red water problem. Another goal was to complete a water flow computer mapping program that was approved at last year's town meeting. We now have the means to better track the effects when flows are changed. Finally, we have adjusted the pH and if necessary will change from soda ash to a silicate treatment system. This is the reason for the increase in water fund expenditures. The problem will take time to clear, and we ask for your patience as the problems are addressed. The Town has retained the assistance of experts in water treatment and distribution to help us correct this problem.

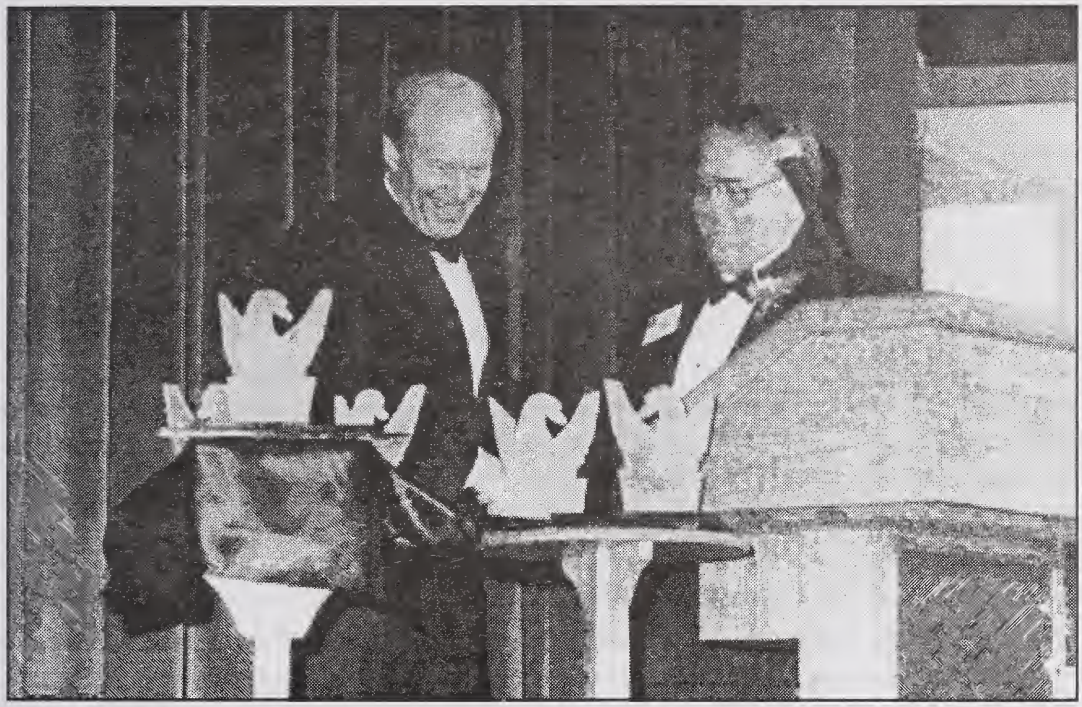
Solid Waste disposal continues to challenge this board and the town. Every time we feel we are getting a handle on our place within this quagmire, another group affects our outlook. Our representatives and the committee that was formed two years ago are working diligently and with some positive results. This coming year has optimistic potential in resolving some of the issues.

Many items that were mentioned in the 1994 report are expected to be completed by the end of this fiscal year, e.g. town ownership of the Opera House and the lengthy negotiations with the new Public Works Union.

This report opened with Mrs. Irwin leaving the Board, and it will close extending our appreciation to Roland Stoodley for his service to the Board and the community. His thoughtful quiet approach to the town's business will be missed.

The Board of Selectmen appreciate the support that you have given them in 1995 and hope for your continued support as we walk together into Newport's future.

Newport, New Hampshire — 1995 Recipient
Governor's Arts Award for Community Spirit



Governor Stephen Merrill presents the 1995 Community Arts Award to BOS Chair, Gary Nichols, representing the town of Newport, NH
Photo: courtesy of Argus Champion

On September 19, 1995 the town of Newport was one of five honored recipients of the Governor's Arts Awards at St. Anselm College in Manchester. The awards recognize outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in New Hampshire and some of the people whose gifts of talent, resources and passion have contributed significantly to a vibrant and varied cultural environment for the people of New Hampshire:

> *To the town of Newport where despite on-going challenges to its economic relationship, the people of Newport have continually supported the Newport Opera House, the Library Arts Center, programs at Richards Free Library, school artist residencies, concerts on the common, the Historical Society and innovative projects such as the Mill Tapestry Project and the rebuilding of the Corbin Covered Bridge.*

The town of Newport is only the second town in New Hampshire to be recognized with this prestigious Community Spirit award.

TOWN MANAGER'S
1995 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Town Manager
Daniel P. O'Neill

Executive Assistant
Sharon H. Christie

Reading an Annual Report can tell you a lot about a community. It can tell how financially stable a community is; it can tell you what the community feels is important by how they are spending their money. Annual Reports are required by state law. But if you only include what you are required to by state law, it would probably be a very boring document.

In Newport we believe our Annual Report should be more comprehensive, including detailed reports from departments and committees, high-lighting significant historical events and citizens who have contributed greatly to our community's vitality and success. Our report this year touches on all of these themes. I think it will provide you with current useful information as well as providing some historical perspective. I believe our annual reports will be valuable tools for future generations that want to learn about our community life in the 1990's.

Please take some time before Tuesday, May 14, to review your report. The Town Warrant with all of the special articles is printed in the center section on colored paper so that it can be easily located. Reviewing all of the special articles and the individual reports from the departments and committees will be a great help to you in making your decisions on Town Meeting day.

I would like to thank the citizens, Selectmen and all town employees who have helped me through the course of the preceding year to manage the affairs of the town. I am looking forward to working with all of you in the upcoming year to help make Newport a prosperous and good place to live.



Ray Reid and Dan O'Neill receive the
1995 Shawmut Community All-Star Award

On November 7, 1995 the National Shawmut Bank of Boston presented its Community All-Star Award to Ray Reid, President Emeritus, and the Newport Historical Society in honor of the importance of their voluntary community service and leadership in the Corbin Covered Bridge project, and its homecoming celebration, involving vigorous preparations by many volunteer community organizations and Newport's young people.

Approximately 40 Newporters, representing a large contingency of those actively involved in the Corbin Covered Bridge project, traveled to Boston by chartered bus as guests of National Shawmut Bank to attend the ceremony and luncheon. At the presentation, Shawmut Bank presented Ray Reid and the Newport Historical Society a plaque and a check for $500. The Shawmut Bank of New Hampshire then surprised Newport by presenting Town Manager Dan O'Neill with an additional $1,000 check for on-going maintenance of the bridge. Guests were interviewed and the presentation was filmed on Channel 38, to be shown later on television.

In addition to the overall covered bridge project, greenspace improvements to the site of the Corbin Covered Bridge — a major contributing factor in the successful recreation of the common area of this New Hampshire historical site — were recognized by this award.

On December 15, Shawmut Bank extended a second invitation to Ray Reid, Dan O'Neill, and friends who were guests at a Celtics Basketball game and pre-game reception in Boston. The reception was held to honor All-Star Award winners.

Airport Commission
1995 Annual Report

Airport Manager
Al Gobin

Airport Commission

Francis Collins, Co-Chair Cary Whipple, Co-Chair
Peter Anastos Herbert Findeisen
Soterios Saggiotes Robert Snow, Alternate
Robert Collins Larry Wiggins

Many improvements have recently been made at Parlin Field. After installing a new, larger culvert in the so-called Sichol land, a 600 foot extension was added to the North/South runway (36-18). The house at the Airport also has a new roof and paint job and the office building has been painted.

In 1995 the 10,000 gallon gasoline tank and gasoline pump was replaced due to age. This was done on a 50-50 basis with the state. A permanent tie down area is in the process of being completed. The tie down anchors have been purchased and will be installed as soon as funds become available.

Currently, the Airport Commission is in the process of having the 600 foot extension to the North-South runway permanently paved. The cost is estimated to be $28,450, half of which will be taken from airport funds and half to be paid with the State of New Hampshire aeronautical matching funds.

There has been considerable activity this year. Approximately 9,000 gallons of gasoline were sold, some 350 airplanes gassed up. Over 500 take offs and landings were logged. Many were business flights to the area.

The East/West (grass) strip has been closed to wheel operation in winter, but is used with skis. It is mowed and used in summer as a crosswind runway.

Thanks go to Larry Wiggins for his helpfulness and to the Highway Department for winging back the snow banks and filling in runway cracks.

Newport Ambulance Department
1995 Annual Report



by Jennifer Vedder, Age 10

Director
Brian W. Tracey

On-Call Attendants
Paul Bellacicco — Thomas Clough
Michael Dixon — John Galloway
Susan Gregory — Benjamin Holobowicz
Charles Johnson — Steven Marshall
George McHugh — Andrew Miller
Gary Nichols — Clay Odell
Gail Osgood — Allen White
Wenda White

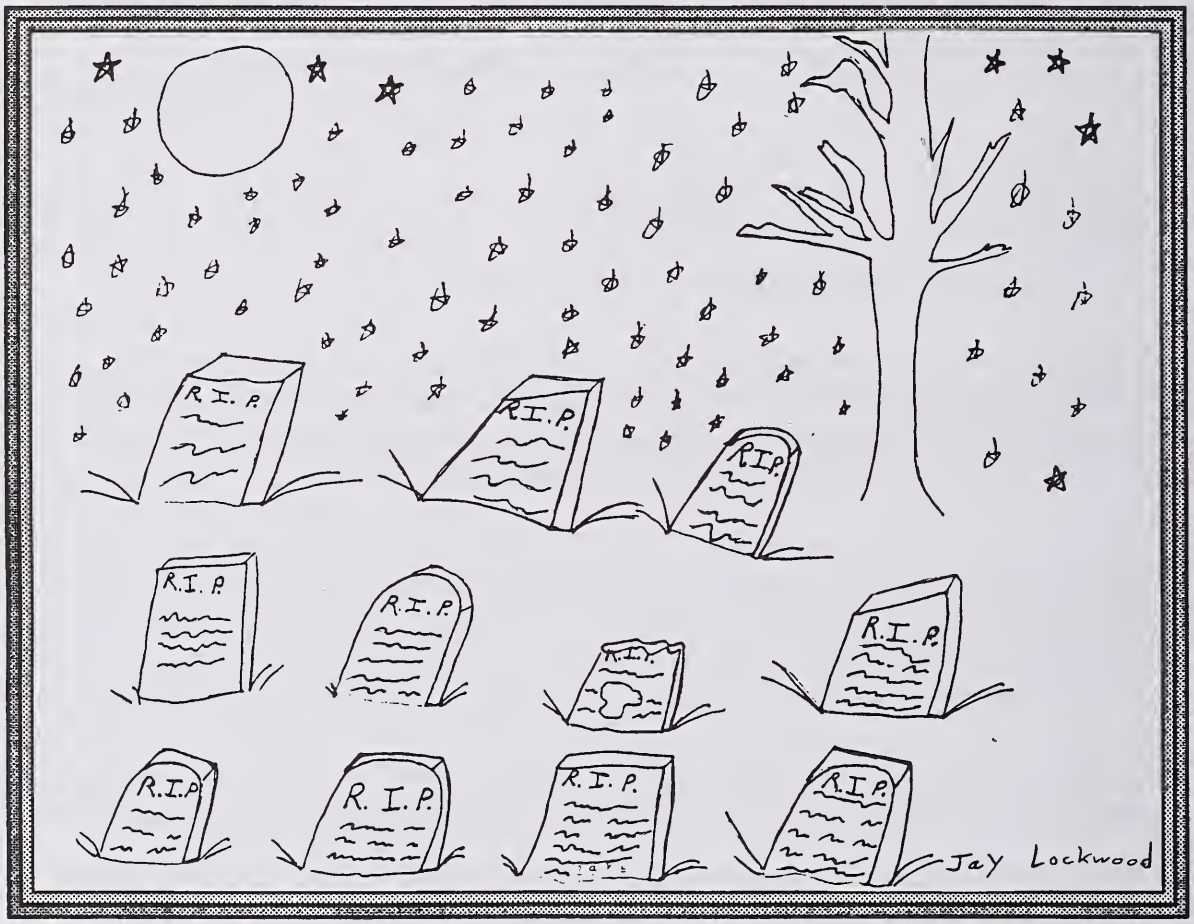
In calendar 1995, the Ambulance Department responded to 870 calls for service. This was an increase of approximately 3% over the 845 calls handled in 1994. Except for a few transfers and public assists, all responses were for emergencies. The call volume was consistent with projections and an increase of about 10% is anticipated this year.

Last year we reported the lowest annual operating deficit in the history of the department. We are even more pleased to announce that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, the Ambulance Department was self supporting. In fact, we generated a small profit. Last year we restructured our accounting system to include future capital expenditures as operating costs. The increased capital reserve request in this year's budget is a reflection of that bookkeeping change. It allows us to recover a portion of our capital costs through user fees customarily charged to surrounding communities, who utilize our service. It also brings capital costs directly into our budget, giving a more accurate accounting picture of department operations.

At the time of this writing, the department is staffed by a full-time Paramedic/Director and 15 dedicated EMT's who volunteer their capable services for a small financial consideration. We continue our recruitment efforts, and an EMT class currently in progress will hopefully yield additional qualified members. If you, or someone you know, would like to help the community through volunteer EMS work, please contact the Director or any ambulance attendant.

The members of the Ambulance Service wish to extend their thanks to the citizens of Newport; the other town departments that are there whenever we need them; and especially the Newport Service Organization for their continued support.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ LEARN CPR — SAVE A LIFE! ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖



by Jay Lockwood, age 9

Cemetery/Grounds Department
1995 Annual Report

Superintendent
Brian T. Richardson

Per Diem Employees
Terri Downs Kevin Evans
Andy Temple Tim Temple

During the first quarter of 1995, we worked on the winter maintenance program of rebuilding our mowing equipment. We also assisted the Recreation Department with plowing and sweeping the ice skating rink and the Highway Department with sidewalk plowing and sanding.

During the second quarter, the department did routine mowing and equipment repair, repaired water lines in Pine Grove Cemetery and assisted the Water/Sewer Department with hydrant flushing.

During the third quarter, we repaired water fountains and the sprinkler system at the ARC athletic complex, repaired park benches, picnic tables, pruned trees on the Town Common, marked out the Common for the Apple Pie Festival, prepared the field and roadside for the Corbin Bridge Festival and assisted the Water & Sewer Department with filter bed cleaning at the Water Treatment Plant.

During the fourth quarter the department picked up and delivered surplus food, moved the ice skating warming hut and nativity scene to the Town Commons, marked the cemeteries for winter burial sites, assisted the Highway Department with snow removal, repaired the shed doors at Pine Grove Cemetery, shut off and blew out water lines at the ARC athletic complex, replaced Christmas lights, and removed and replaced fences at Pine Grove and North Newport Cemeteries.

The Cemetery Department is currently working with St. Patrick's Church updating the map and index card system to be put on computer. Up until this year, the department has had no records or data on the Pine Street East and West Cemeteries and only a map and very few index cards on our Maple Street Cemetery. Thanks to Mr. Andrew Andrews and Patryc Wiggins' Cemetery Studies Class at the Newport Tech Center, we now have charts with an alphabetized list of names and locations on both Pine Street and Maple Street Cemeteries which has been a very big help to the Cemetery Department.

This year Brian Richardson was trained in Drug & Alcohol Testing through Compensation Funds of New Hampshire.

The Cemetery Department had a total of 61 burials during 1995. At present, we have approximately 200-250 burial sites left at the North Newport Cemetery. We may want to think about purchasing more property in the near future. There were 28 lots sold in 1994 and 12 lots sold in 1995.

Conservation Commission
1995 Annual Report

Nancy Parssinen, Chairman
Jack Liberman
Tracy Martino
Raymond Reid
Clifford Richer
June Liberman
Richard Petrie
Jeanette Scales, alternate

The primary concerns of Newport's Conservation Commission are:

- Acquisition and management of conservation lands
- Protection and wise use of the town's natural resources
- Development of outdoor recreational and educational resources
 a major project is the development of the Outdoor Education Area in the town forest

Great strides were made during the summer and fall of 1995 at the Outdoor Education Area. Work progressed at a good pace on the boardwalk over the wetland and we have now completed approximately 415 feet of the raised plank surface. Working with us this summer were eight students from Americorps, who receive federal funding of college tuition in exchange for community service, and sixteen International Workcamp volunteers. Both groups were well motivated and did excellent work.

Commission members continued work in the wetlands area in January, adding railings to the boardwalk and putting in the supports and framework for the teaching platform above the frozen pond.

We would like to thank Paul and Catherine Baird for hosting our summer volunteers, and the many people in the community who organize and support the International Workcamps each year. We are looking forward to working with them again next year. Area businesses also participated in the project, and for this our thanks go to Harold LaValley, Gardner Stetson, Nicholas Kanakis and Clifford Richer.

In September, the Commission began working with the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center toward our shared goal of student management of the Town Forest. Under the directions of instructor Mark Tenney, students cut and built trails, cleared stream beds to improve drainage, and began work on a forest education site. We were impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of these fine young people.

Five Outdoor Study Kits were put together by Nancy Parssinen of our Commission, and Sandy Trybulski of Richards Library. The kits can be used at home or taken to the town forest. They contain resource books, equipment and suggested activities for the study of

wetlands, waterlife, soil, trees, mapping and orienteering. The kits are ready for sign out at the Richards Free Library.

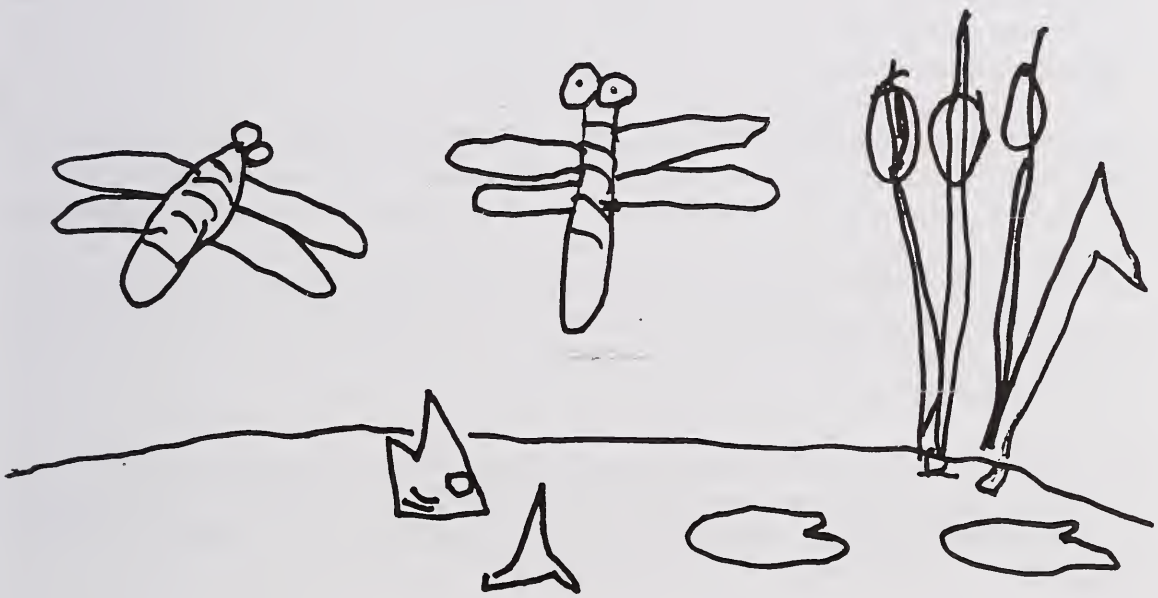
A film documenting recreational projects in four communities was produced this year by the New Hampshire Office of State Planning. Newport's Town Forest was one of those featured by highlighting the team effort creating this educational and recreational resource for the public.

All Dredge and Fill applications submitted to the Town of Newport were reviewed by the Commission, and the required paperwork sent to the Wetlands Board in Concord.

The annual inspection of conservation easement properties was completed, as were the required reports for the Land Conservation and Investment Program.

An informational session on the Shoreline Protection Act (RSA 483-B) was attended by one of our members in September.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Clifford Richer from the Conservation Commission. During his many years on the commission, he provided much in the way of advice, experience and expertise on the multitude of projects undertaken. We value his contributions to our efforts and thank him for his years of volunteer service.



by Lee Ann Thomas, Age 8

Economic Corporation of Newport (ECON)
1995 Annual Town Report

Shaun Carroll, Sr., President Mary Lou Reed, Vice President
Daniel P. O'Neill, Secretary Stanley Berube, Treasurer
Rodman Black Ella Casey Robert Collins
Stephen Ensign Kathleen Hubert Michael Johnson
Stephen Marro Paul Skarin Vernon Studer
Rick Thomas Michael Work

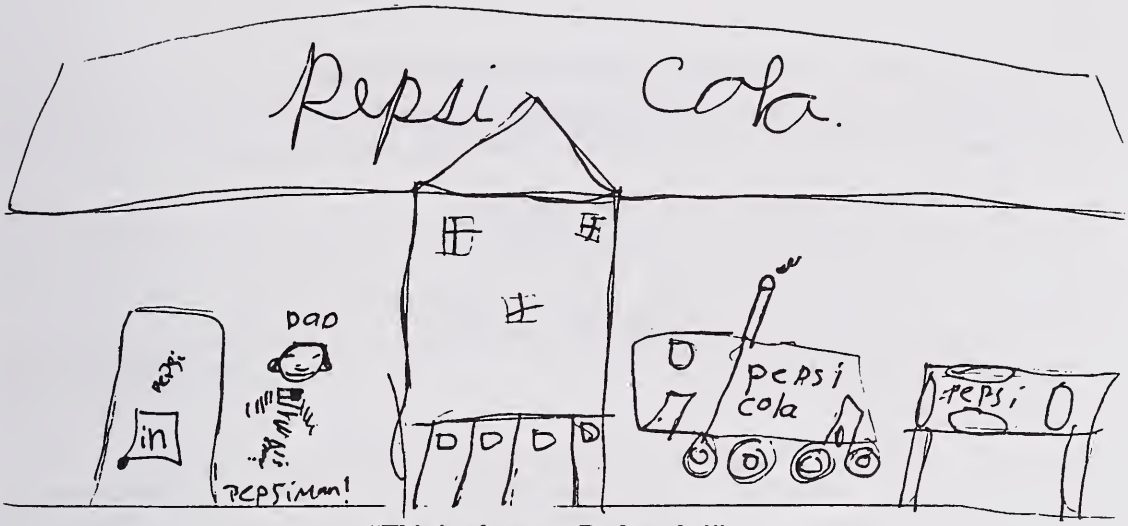
ECON is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to encourage, promote and assist business growth that will develop a larger economic base, increase employment opportunities, and improve the standard of living of Newport citizens, while preserving and enhancing the community's environment. ECON's past year has been its busiest since we completed our strategic plan in January of 1992. We are getting into more of the nuts and bolts of economic development and believe we have made progress this year towards our organization's mission.

ECON completed its second business visitation program in conjunction with the State Department of Resources and Economic Development. There were approximately fifteen Newport industries that participated in a very detailed survey of what their business needs are and what their plans are for the future. This information is available for the public to review and a future NCTV program will also present these survey results. Speaking of NCTV, ECON has entered into a joint venture with the Newport Chamber of Commerce in co-sponsoring the "Around Town" monthly business program. ECON and the Chamber of Commerce share many of the same goals so it seems only appropriate that we join forces where we can to promote business in our community.

Another project that was completed this year was the property inventory. We now have on file listings of parcels of real estate and buildings that are available for future business or expansion of current businesses in our community. This will be a great help when business prospects come to town looking for land and/or buildings with particular characteristics to suit their needs, such as water and sewer utilities, access to three phase power, zoning and other characteristics. Keeping this inventory updated will be an important task for ECON. We are working on a plan with the Sullivan County Economic Development Council to keep the inventory updated.

ECON also donated $1,000 to develop the map identifying covered bridges within a 35 mile radius of Newport. This map was distributed during the 2nd Annual Covered Bridge/Arts Festival, and we are told this map is in demand at the information booth , town, and Chamber Offices.

Ever since ECON was established, we have been in a dispute with the IRS as to how ECON should be classified. In 1995 we were finally awarded 501C3 status, meaning we can receive donations from individuals and corporations, and those donations will be tax deductible for the contributors. This is a very significant accomplishment for ECON because it widens the base of contributors who may be willing to help us in our mission.



"This is where my Dad works!"
Amanda Henault, Age 9

Last year ECON sent letters to the Board of Selectmen recommending changes in zoning to encourage economic development. We also sent communication to the NH DOT expressing concern about controlled access designation in the Kelleyville Village District. ECON also joined forces last year with Sullivan County EDC and the Charlestown EDC to advertise in an international publication, distributed to businesses considering expansion and relocation. These advertisements are typically distributed at business and trade shows.

One reason ECON was organized was to assist businesses that may need financial help. This is the first year in which we have actually been able to feel comfortable working in this area, primarily due to the resolution of our IRS 501C3 status. We have worked with several businesses over the past year. Most businesses that contact ECON are referred to Sullivan County EDC, Small Business Adm., SCORE or to local realtors. ECON approved its first loan of $10,000 this year. However, it was later determined the funds were not actually needed to complete the project.

Staffing for ECON has always been an issue since there are no full-time individuals responsible for keeping books, making contacts, and following up on information. All of the work generated by ECON is usually followed up by town staff, either through the Town Manager's office or the Office of Planning and Zoning. Because these offices are already busy with Town business, ECON felt it was important to explore the possibility of hiring staff even at a part-time level to administer ECON's business. Sullivan County EDC was contacted and a grant was applied for which will help fund a staff person which would be shared between the Charlestown Economic Development Corp. and ECON. At the time of this report, it appears that ECON will have at its disposal a part-time person to help administer its affairs which will be at no additional cost to ECON.

ECON is currently working on the acquisition of real estate to be used for an industrial park. Preliminary discussions between ECON members and the private parties involved are very positive.

Newport Fire Department
1995 Annual Report

Fire Chief
John J. Marcotte

Full-time Employees

Dep. Chief Bruce MacDonald	Lt. Peter Cadenhead
Lt. William Carley	Lt. David Jones

Firefighters

Chris Amos	Edward Bailey Sr.	John Barton
James Blood	Michael Borghi	Robert Brunt
Kenneth Carlton	Capt. Wayne Conroy	Jason Damren
Steven Dube	Chris Gasper	James Geschwinder
Leo Goyette	Dean Gregory	Michael Hartwell
Patrick Howe	Edward Karr	Joel Lussier
Lt. Chris Marcotte	David McCrillis	Larry Ouelette
Michael Rastallis	Michael Sanderson	Barry Sleath
Richard Sparks		William Stone

I am pleased to submit my sixth annual report as Chief of the Newport Fire Department. The year has been a good one for the most part. We experienced an extremely dry period during the summer months, which caused an increase in outside fires and the necessity to issue a restriction on outside fires for several weeks.

Our responses for the year are as follows:

16 Structure Fires	51 Accidental or Unintentional Alarms
17 Mutual Aid Requests	18 Chimney Fires
29 Hazardous Materials Responses	15 Vehicle Fires
52 Rescue Calls	38 Outside Fires
2 Malicious False Alarms	79 Miscellaneous Calls

Our calls for the year were 317. This is a 12% increase over our five year average of 280. Each year, we are seeing an increase in calls.

Department members received 1446.5 hours of training during the year. In the upcoming months we will be conducting Confined Space Rescue Training and Rescue from Landslides and Cave-ins. This is necessary because the Department is the primary responder for emergencies in confined spaces and trench operations.

We are continuing our program to update our breathing apparatus. During the past year we purchased ten new units. This year completes this program with the purchase of ten additional units, giving us a total of 30 units in service.

The replacement of two roofs was completed in July. The Fire Department still needs to replace the floor over the old section of the building, which has been deemed as unsafe by the engineers. Space, stand-by emergency power, wiring, exhaust removal system, code compliance, and weatherproofing are still issues which need to be addressed in order to bring the building up to snuff.

"Dexter," our antique Hunneman handtub, was returned from Tuftonboro, where it was expertly reconditioned by Don Hallock and Jerry Rooney. "Dexter" is currently on display in the Lake Sunapee Savings Bank lobby. We wish to thank Steve Ensign and his staff for their gracious loan of space for our priceless antique.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Newport for their continued support of the Fire Department and for their efforts in keeping our fire losses low.



by Tony Gorey, Age 9

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger
1995 Annual Report

NH Department of Resources and Economic Development
Division of Forest and Lands

Commissioner
William S. Bartlett, Jr.

Director
John E. Sargent

In calendar year 1995, our three (3) leading causes of fires were Children, Non-Permit fires not properly extinguished, and Smoking Materials. Violations of RSA 224:27 II, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Fire Officials, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. This also helps to prevent unnecessary response to a controlled burn.

1995 Fire Statistics

Forest Ranger Reported Fires	
Number of Fires for Cost Share Payment	465
Acres Burned	437
Suppression Cost	$147,000+
Lookout Tower Reported Fires	555
Visitors to Towers	26,165
Number of Fires Local Community	___

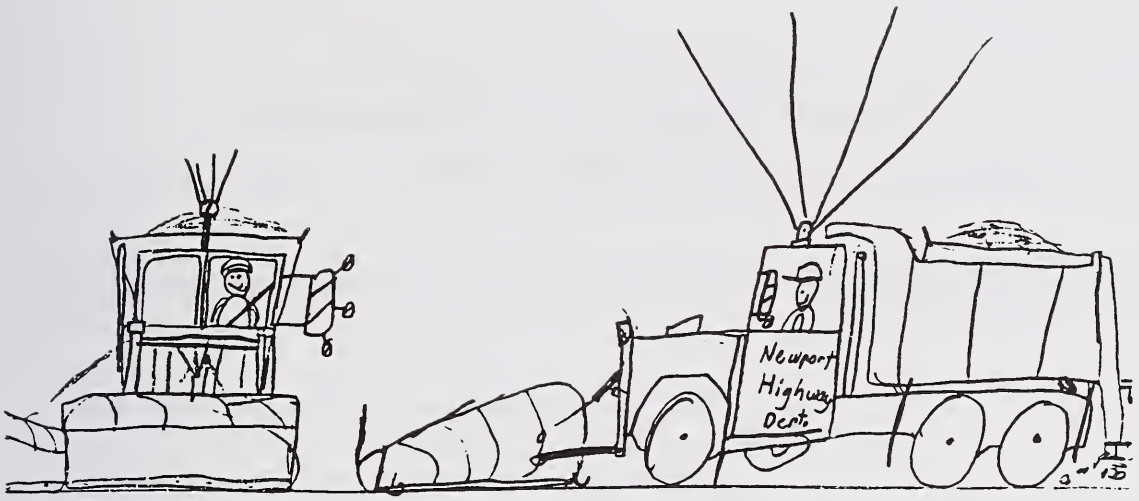
Fires Reported by County	
Belknap	11
Carroll	50
Cheshire	39
Coos	17
Grafton	26
Hillsborough	71
Merrimack	49
Rockingham	106
Strafford	78
Sullivan	18
Suppression Cost	___

Local communities and the State share the cost of suppression on a 50/50 basis. The State of new Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid the quick response from local fire departments.

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES."

Robert B. Stewart, Forest Ranger

John J. Marcotte, Forest Fire Warden



by JacobBritt, Age 9

Highway Department
1995 Annual Report

Director/ Public Works
Larry A. Wiggins

Highway Superintendent
Fraser Michaud

Foreman
Steve Carley

Highway Department Employees

Bryan Bartley Bill Fletcher
Larry Glidden John Leslie Wilbur Martin

In addition to the daily maintenance operations, the Highway crew was involved in the following road improvement projects: The winter of fiscal 1994-95 was abnormally mild and consequently, the Board of Selectmen approved utilizing the Highway Department's surplus funds to shim Knoll Street, Spring Street, Cheney Street, Blueberry Ridge Road and Schoolhouse Road in July of 1995. During August, the crew assisted with reclamation and paving of a 5,465-foot segment of Oak Street starting at the bridge near Middle Street. Along with the reconstruction project, a shim and overlay was placed over the segment reconstructed in 1989 as a preventive maintenance measure. The Highway crew also grader-shimmed selected areas of the streets in Birchwood Grove and Breakneck Road.

The Highway Department lost three employees during 1995 including the Highway Superintendent in July. The Public Works Director and Highway Foreman shared the Superintendent's duties until Fraser Michaud was hired in mid-December. The Department appreciates the resident's patience and understanding while an understaffed crew responded to their concerns in the latter half of 1995.

Newport Historic District Commission
1995 Annual Report

John Lunn, Chairman/Selectman Rep
Sharon Christie, Vice Chair
Patrice Brewer, Secretary
Rogers Claggett, Historic District Rep
Michael Dixon, Jean MacConnell, Roger Nelson
Cliff Richer, Alternate

After approval of expanding the commission to seven members at last year's Town Meeting, the Commission established quarterly meetings to be held the first Thursday of February, May, September and November at the Town Office. Other meetings may be posted as needed.

The Commission approved the building of a hanging sign for the "Sugar River Professionals" on 44 North Main Street.

An application to change the exterior appearance of a barn door on 46 North Main Street so that the barn may be renovated for office space was approved with the provision that the frame and appearance of the barn door still remain on the facade of the building.

Members of the Commission reviewed the Irving Oil Co. Plans for their new Main Street proposal to request that the building design and appearance fit into the historical character of Newport.

A sign ordinance was drafted for the Town Common to help tidy up the lower end of the Common and make it both safer and more attractive.

The Commission submitted a Certified Local Government Status application to the NH Division of Historic Resources.

Newport Historical Society
1995 Annual Report

Roger Nelson, President
Betty Avery, Secretary
Ray Reid, Historian

Nick Kanakis, Vice President
Andy Andrews, Treasurer

The goals of the Newport Historical Society include preserving, protecting and teaching about Newport's historical past. We remain dedicated to this aim.

Membership in the society has continued to increase and we encourage anyone who is interested in Newport's history to join us at our monthly meeting held on the third Thursday of each month at the Sugar River Savings Bank meeting room.

Newport was recognized by two separate prestigious awards in 1995. On September 19th, the Town was presented the 1995 Governor's Arts Award for Community Spirit and on November 7th, Ray Reid and the Newport Historical Society were recognized as recipients of the Shawmut All-Star Community Award for its community service and leadership in the Corbin Covered Bridge project. Excitement and pride were very evident at these events.

The second annual Corbin Bridge Festival was held September 29 through October 1. All who attended were treated to beautiful weather, a wide variety of foods, displays ranging from antique cars to bridge building techniques and the pleasure of strolling and enjoying a warm autumn day.

One highlight of the festival was the presentation of certificates of appreciation to the major donors toward the bridge's rebuilding. During the festival, the video tape of the bridge being rebuilt was released and is now available.

The Historical Society museum to some residents of Newport remains an unknown place. We had many visitors during the summer months, but our desire is that everyone would avail themselves of a trip back in time while viewing the many interesting and wonderful exhibits on display. The museum is located on the second floor of the District Court behind the Opera House.

We are issuing an invitation to anyone in Newport that would be interested in presenting a program dealing with any historical topic at one of our meetings. If you have any desire to help us, please contact the Historical Society by mail at PO Box 413 in Newport.

We still make an urgent plea to all of Newport's residents to contact us if you have any material or artifacts that illustrate the history of Newport and would like to see it preserved for future generations to see and appreciate.

Joint Loss Management Committee
a/k/a Safety Committee
Annual Report

Bruce E. MacDonald, Fire, Chair Ken Dennis, Building Dept.
Robert Ballou, Police Administration Eric Daignault, Police
Carole Carley, TOPAZ Brian Tracey, Ambulance
Brent Richardson, Water and Sewer Bryan Bartley, Highway
P.J. Lovely, Recreation Dan O'Neill, Town Manager

This has been a very busy year for the Joint Loss Management Committee. We were formerly known as the Newport Safety Committee, but changed our name to coincide with the new requirements set forth by the State of New Hampshire for compliance with workplace safety.

Rabies continues to be rampant in the State, and to help alleviate this hazard, the Committee sponsored a Rabies Inoculation Clinic in April. We were quite successful, as we inoculated over 50 cats and dogs. We have been informed by health officials, that due to the increased prevalence of the virus, that it is recommended that pets receive an annual inoculation, rather than wait the normal three year interval, to provide a good amount of antibodies to keep our pets safe. Clinics will be held at the Newport Fire Department.

We have also completed our Personnel Safety Policy as required by the State. To go along with the policy, we have established an inspection program, where the Committee members will conduct regular safety inspections of all Town buildings, to ensure that they are as free of hazards as possible.

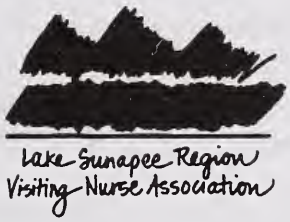
All employees who are at risk of exposure to Hepatitis B virus have been offered immunization against this virus. Town employees expressed an interest in receiving training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and a program has been established to provide this training as a part of regular in-service training.

We have also addressed the need for additional training for the Fire Department concerning confined spaces and trench rescue procedures. Committee members from the Public Works Department have attended training sessions in these operations and have reported that a primary rescue organization needs to be identified. The Fire Department is in the process of scheduling the required training.

The committee is striving to make the Town of Newport an accident and injury free workplace. We would like to thank all the employees of the Town for their support in making our endeavors worthwhile. A safe workplace makes for a better living environment for us all.

Lake Sunapee Home
Care and Hospice

Lake Sunapee Community
Health Services



1995 Report of Services	People Served in Newport
home care	215
hospice care	5
bereavement	5
clinics: flu	160
clinics: preventive health	185
clinics: well child	76
parent child program	15
child care	1

Thank you for your continued support of VNA services. In 1995, we provided more than 20,120 visits in Newport, 7 days a week/24 hours a day.

All of the appropriated funds from the town of Newport have been used to provide home care visits, hospice volunteer training and supervision, and well child clinic visits to people who had no insurance or inadequate insurance or funds. Other visits were subsidized by donations or paid by commercial insurance or from state and federal grant funds.

There are 43 VNA employees; one VNA Trustee, Lori Barnes; one HCH Trustee, H. Newcomb Eldredge, and many volunteers who live in Newport. We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Blik

Cheryl Blik
President and CEO

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Joint Commission
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

LIBRARY ARTS CENTER
1995 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Director
Doris Nelson

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Nancy Parssinen, President Jean MacConnell, Vice President
Lauri McCrillis, Treasurer Monica Rastallis Cashin, Secretary
Wm. Howard Dunn Gina Kanakis
Ted Niboli Marge Kanakis
Anne Kathan Dick Cretarola*

*Board member as of February, 1996.

The Corbin Bridge dedication started off the year at the Library Arts Center. A reception with an exhibit of paintings, photographs and a model of the Corbin Bridge by Ray Reid was held on January 8, 1995.

Winter Carnival inaugurated the use of video equipment provided by a grant from the Newport Charitable Fund. The Library Arts Center showed tapes made from John W. McCrillis ski films during February, along with antique ski posters and paintings from the collections of Sally and H. Newcomb Eldredge and John and Kay McCrillis.

The LAC Regional Selections Exhibit: Marty Cain, Bud Lauridsen, Brenda Phillips, Marge Schwarz, Yvonne Shukovsky, and Kathleen Welker followed in late February, and *A Splash of Spring*: Watercolor Invitational Exhibit was March 31-April 29. Different area florists and nurseries decorated the gallery each week. The Newport Middle HS Student Art Exhibit included a special photography project. The Library Arts Center and the Newport Recreation Center received a Special Project Grant from the NH State Council on the Arts for teens to study photography with Bud Deyo and use the LAC darkroom. Bud Deyo exhibited his landscape photography from June 9-July 8. The LAC Annual Dinner, with a rousing arts auction put together by Ted Niboli, was held on May 12th at the gallery.

The summer season had much to offer, with Performances for Kids — Showpan the Clown, B.J. Hickman Magic, Skip Gorman and the Ha'Penny Theater, drawing audiences of over 200 each. Classes in pottery, painting, photography and printmaking for adults and Small Fry Workshops by Debbie Hebert, plus Kids Workshops by Paula Dorr and Kit Hawkins and pottery by Diane Driscoll kept the studio active in the summer.

The Multiples: Variations in Fine Printmaking Exhibit, July 14-August 24, featured area makers of fine prints along with some excellent historical examples from the Colby Sawyer College collections. Programs included a demonstration of woodcut by Matt Brown and a gallery talk by Martha Andrea. This exhibit was praised in the Boston Globe, Art New England, and the Journal of the Print World as one of the most comprehensive and well put together shows of New Hampshire printmaking in recent years.

The 22nd Annual Apple Pie Craft Fair was on August 26 in combination with the Richards Library Festival. The Soo-Nipi Quilters Guild put on Quilts: An American Legacy Exhibit from September 8 through October 1 and has a guest book that includes visitors as far away as New Zealand, as well as throughout the country. We in Newport were all honored to receive the NH State Council on the Arts Governor's Award for Community Spirit in the Arts at a ceremony in Manchester, NH on September 19th.

The Library Arts Center Juried Regional Exhibit of over 59 area artists October 6-November 11, resulted in five regional artists being selected for an exhibit in February of 1996. The Dickens Fairs was held on December 2nd. By a Child's Hand: Russian Art from Siberia in Main Gallery with For the Child in Us: Paintings by Newport artists, Ludmila Gayvoronsky November 25-December 22, featured decorations by Heidi Bartlett, Helen Skarin and Ludmila with Russian Renaissance gifts, and evening of Russian music and dance and 500 children touring the show.

The Library Arts Center continues to be an asset for the community, with no direct tax support, but funding from memberships, grants, business donations and sponsorships, along with interest from the Arts Center Endowment Trust. Cutbacks in funding for the Arts have already affected the Library Arts Center, halving the anticipated grant income for 1995. Volunteers and in-kind support are even more vital to the Library Arts Center. An important addition to the LAC has been the video volunteers who have put together tapes of performances and events for viewing on NCTV. Stephen Bohrer, Dick Cretarola, John Lunn and Nancy Boardman are among those who have spent time taping and editing shows. The LAC was featured on *Around the Town*, saying thanks to the many businesses who support the cultural institutions in Newport, and which were certainly an important ingredient in the community spirit award. The Friends of the Richards Free Library support the Summer Performances for Kids, and the LAC cooperates with community groups in many ways to bring Newport and the area a variety of exhibits and programs.

A future note: The New England Artists Trust Congress will be held in Newport in the summer of 1997, with a central theme of building community through culture. The LAC, the Richards Library with the Sarah Josepha Hale Award, the Opera House, the active Newport Historical Society are all things which help make Newport an attractive destination to visit and a good place to live.

Newport Police Department
1995 Annual Report

Chief of Police
David A. Hoyt

Full-Time Officers
Capt. Robert E. Ballou
Sgt. Timothy Julian
Sgt. Terry Reamon
Prosecutor Shady Blackwell III
Det. James Brown
Ptl. Jayson Almstrom
Ptl. Thomas Anderson
Ptl. Eric Daignault
Ptl. Richard Lee
Ptl. Michael Nelson
Ptl. Denis O'Sullivan

Special Officers
David Burnham *
James Burroughs *
Craig Robertson *
Barbara Sprague *

Communications
Marie Brown
Susan Gregory
Craig Robertson
John Taylor
Chris Baker*
Amy Maslan*

* part time

In 1995 many changes took place within the Police Department. The request for services along with mandates combined to increase the amount of time necassary to accomplish our mission.

Each year, with the outstanding support of the schools, we have been involved in teaching our youth about bicycle safety, halloween safety, drug awareness, seat belt usage, D.W.I. laws and D.A.R.E.

Ptl. Eric Daignault and Ptl. Thomas Anderson participated in our second year of bicycle patrol. The bicycle patrol is an excellent tool to assist us in catching violations while promoting community policing.

Ptl. Daignault was the recipient of an award by the National and State Highway Safety Agencies, as well as the N.H. Police Standards and Training Council. This award titled "*Looking beyond the Traffic Ticket*" is awarded to selected officers in the State who make arrest beyond a simple traffic ticket. Ptl. Daignault, made many drug, alcohol and felony arrests. He made these arrests from his bicycle and from a cruiser. Studies have shown that most criminals are no longer on foot traveling to and from crimes. Criminals use motor vehicles for transportation and many can be caught by an inquisitive officer. Towns and cites with aggressive pro-active traffic enforcement programs have less crime than towns and cities with less pro-active programs.

A new program started this summer which was well received was the "*Park and Walk*" program. Officers working in the early evening parked their cruisers and walked around neighborhoods. This summer the program will continue and designated officers may be assigned to walk specific areas.

The K-9 team, Ptl. O'Sullivan and "Cito," along with the bicycle officers, were involved in several public speaking engagements and demonstrations. Our bicycle officers, together with the NH Highway Safety Agency, distributed safety helmets at the annual Health Fair.

A recorder, approved at last year's Town Meeting, was installed and put into operation in August. The recorder records all telephone and radio frequencies twenty-four hours a day. This is a very important piece of equipment for a dispatch center.

Training of our officers has been an ongoing project. Training is one requirement for officers to maintain their certification in the State of New Hampshire. Each year many laws change. Many cases are requiring more time and attention than in past years.

Service calls by police, during which dangerous weapons are encountered, increased this year. These events, as well as an increase in youth-related matters, should make our community aware that we are not immune from incidents that occur in other communities.

After almost three years of ongoing investigation, Steven Alexander was charged with the arson of the Eagle Block. Detective Jim Brown of this department and Investigator Thomas Norton of the State Fire Marshal's Office have put in several hundred hours of investigative time. Recently Mr. Alexander was convicted by a jury for the crime.

Since July 1, 1995, Detective Jim Brown has been assigned as the only detective in the Department. Detective Brown's duties include investigating all assigned cases, processing and accounting for all evidence collected, transfering evidence to the lab in Concord for examination, processing crime scenes, conducting interviews and interrogations, and working and assisting in all cases prosecuted by the County Attorney's office (Newport only). The work load of this one position is extremely high. Strict accountability of all evidence is the highest concern. Well over 1000 pieces of evidence are stored in three evidence vaults in Town. Detective Brown has prepared the following statistics for the last 6 months of 1995.

Investigations Conducted — Detective only (July-December):

Class A Felony	39
Class B Felony	56
Misdemeanors/Violations	155
Juvenile incidents	65
Pieces of evidence received	473
Arrest/Indictments Detective	41
Pieces of evidence transported	225
Pieces of evidence returned/destroyed	507

Effective July 1, 1995 Shady Blackwell III was assigned as the Department Prosecutor. While this position is often overlooked, the prosecutor is involved in some cases from the beginning, and in all cases after an arrest is made or a citation issued. The amount of man-hours expended on a single case by the prosecutor is usually far greater than the amount of time spent on the case before the arrest. In New Hampshire, Police Departments assign a police officer from within or employ an attorney to prosecute their cases at the District Court level. While defendants have a bar-certified attorney to represent them, the police prosecutor represents the Town/State. The prosecutor must be extremely knowledgeable about laws, court rules, case law, motions as well as the case being prosecuted. The prosecutor performs all the same functions for the department as a defense attorney does for his clients. New rulings and law enacted in 1995 have made the prosecution position more difficult and time consuming for each case.

Prosecutor Blackwell has prepared the following statistics for the last 6 months of 1995:

Cases prosecuted (July-December)

Adult charges disposed of	502
Number individuals charged	428

Breakdown of above

Guilty	224
Nolo (Guilty)	124
Nol Prossed	39
Other	11
Not Guilty	40
Failed to Appear (Warrants Issued)	64
% Charges alcohol/drug Related	22%
Juvenile Trials	113
Motions Received from Attorneys	204
Motions filed by Prosecutor	54

Total fines issued by Newport District Court from Newport Police Cases $35,177.00

In 1996 I am going to separate the Emergency Communication Center from the Police Department Budget. This is being done for several reasons.

1. The Communications Center provides services/dispatching for police, fire, ambulance and public works, emergency management for Newport and other outside agencies.

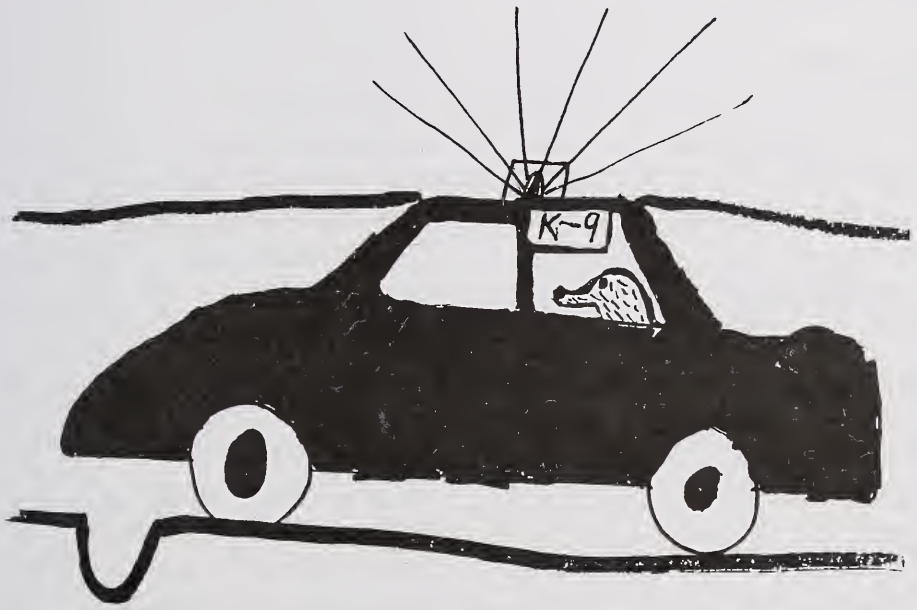
2. The Communications Center should be funded by all services that utilize the center, not just the police.

3. A more accurate record of services and the expenditures/revenue can be recorded.

The Communication Center employs four full-time and three part-employees. The Newport Emergency Services Communication (ESC) Center dispatched 18,362 calls for service in 1995. This included dispatching for other communities. The ESC center received 1,342 9-1-1 Emergency calls. When calling for police, fire, ambulance assistance, the Communications Specialist is responsible for collecting required data, then dispatching emergency services. Usually the Communications Specialist must perform many tasks at the same time.

In addition to dispatching, each Communications Specialist acts as a receptionist for the Police Department and performs numerous clerical functions for the department. It is estimated that over fifty percent of their time is spent performing such clerical dutie. (This does not include the time spent by administration/patrol personnel performing clerical duties).

As Chief of Police, I would like to thank all of the agencies, businesses, organizations and citizens who have assisted and supported us this past year. It has been an extremely busy year, and without your support, it would have been much harder to accomplish our mission.



by Mark Nelson, age 8

Newport Police Department
1995 Patrol/Dispatch Stats

911 Hang-ups	29
911 Traces	52
Abandoned Vehicles	25
Abandoned Children	6
Alarms	578
All others	30
Ambulance Dispatched	806
Assault	104
Assist to Public	608
Assist Other Depts	147
Attempt to Locate	177
Attempted Suicide	12
Bail Jumping	9
Bicycle Registration	86
Brady Record Checks	6
Burglary	30
Cases referrred NPD	1252
Check on Well Being	65
Complaint on Town Activities	33
Complaint on Kids	193
Complaint ref Snow Removal	2
Contempt of Court	2
Contributing/Delinquency	2
Criminal Threatening	77
Criminal Trespass	31
Criminal Mischief	165
Croydon PD Dispatched	306
Deaths Investigated	5
Directed Patrol	7
Dis Conduct w/MV	11
Disabled Vehicles	319
Disobeying an Officer	11
Disorderly Conduct	44
Dog Complaints	464
Domestics	216
Drugs	47
Dumping Rubbish	9
DVP served	328
DWI Arrest	75
Emergency Mesg Delivered	71
Emergency Lockouts	18
Escape from Custody	1
Federal Offenses	2
Fight in Progress	35
Fire Calls Dispatched	234
Forgery	3
Fraud	36
Grantham PD Dispatch	1240
Harassment	165
Hazardous Material	4
House Checks	276
Illegal Discharge Gun	19
Indecent Exposure	2
Insurance Request	173
Intelligences	503
Intoxicated Persons	140
Junk Car Complaint	6
Lempster PD Dispatched	364
Liquor Law Arrest	82
Littering	17
Lost/Found Property	255
Mental Person	10
Mistreatment Children	9
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Motor Vehicle Compl	395
Motor Vehicle Towed	88
MV Accident w/Injury	77
MV Accident w/Damage	296
MV Stops	3519
MV off Road	71
Neighborhood Disputes	49
Noise Complaints	175
Obstruction in Road	68
Open Doors	199

1995 Patrol/Dispatch Stats
(Continued)

Operating After Revoc	53
Other Accidents	3
Parking Complaint	277
Parking & Walk Patrol	67
Pistol Permits	131
Possession Stolen Property	1
Pranks	59
Prisoners Processed	232
Rape	2
Reckless Conduct	6
Referred to other Depts	156
Relays/Escorts	55
Report of Shots Fired	33
Reports of Power Out	24
Repossessions	60
Resisting Arrest	8
Road Complaint	53
Runaways	71
Sex Offender Registered	6
Sex Offenses	21
Sheriff Dept Dispatch (after hrs)	210
Smoking Violations	52
Stalking	7
Subjects Transported	172
Suspicion	391
Suspicious Vehicle	390
Suspicious Person	120
Tampering w/Witnesses	1
Theft	212
Town Ordinance Viol	16
Town Permits	55
Trees down/Hazard	49
Truancy	87
UFO Reports	1
Uncontrollable Child	59
Unwanted Persons	264
Warrant Arrest	74
Wild/Strange Animals	225

Police Facility Report

Police Facility Committee

Gary Nichols, Chair	*Marion Adams
†Peter Anastos	Karol Bentley
Philip Corbett	*Kevin Corliss
Carol Gutowski	Chief David Hoyt
James Lantz	*Anthony Maiola
†William MacDonald	Rick Thomas

*Resigned in 1995
†Appointed in 1995

After the 1995 Annual Meeting, the Police Facility Committee recommitted themselves to finding the answer to this 17 year problem that the citizens would accept. First, we examined what the citizens meant by the negative vote of the $900,000 Elm Street site. Location was not right and cost was still too high. The committee then asked some questions after the vote, and those answers were also used in our revitalized effort. Lastly, we want to thank the many citizens that came forward through the year with ideas and suggestions.

There were some changes to the make-up of the committee in June of last year. Marion Adams resigned as she moved out of Newport, and Tony Maiola resigned due to business demands. On behalf of the committee, we wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for their service, efforts, and insights during tenure on the committee. Peter Anastos and William MacDonald were appointed to these vacated seats. Kevin Corliss left the committee in February to pursue other projects. His knowledge in the building trades and the many hours in additional drawings and specification examinations were a major asset to this committee. He will be missed.

The Committee recommendation is to renovate the former "Priscilla's Restaurant" at 59 Main Street, remove the old PSNH garages in the rear and construct a 900 square foot booking, holding, and sally port area to the rear. This would provide the downtown location the citizens have requested. It addresses the needs of the Police Department to better serve the community with expanded space, handicap access, juvenile holding, and better records and evidence management.

The cost of this recommendation is $595,000 and it is broken down in the following mannner:

Demo Existing Garages	$4,000
Drain, Grade and Pave	12,000
Booking, holding, and Sally Port	95,000
Stairs, elevator tower — 3 floors	80,000
Facade	21,000
Renovation Street Level	128,000
Renovation Upper Level	30,000
Renovation Lower Level	28,000
Electric, insulation, roof drains, etc.	12,000
Architectural & Engineering Fees	33,000
Equipment & Furnishings	40,000
Site Acquisition	80,000
Contingency	32,000
Total	**$595,000**

Please attend the Annual Meeting, get the answer to your questions. The Police Facility Committee encourages every citizen to support this proposal.



NEWPORT
POLICE FACILITY
NEWPORT, NH

59 MAIN ST.
STREET FACADE

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Public Works Department
1995 Annual Report

Director
Larry A. Wiggins

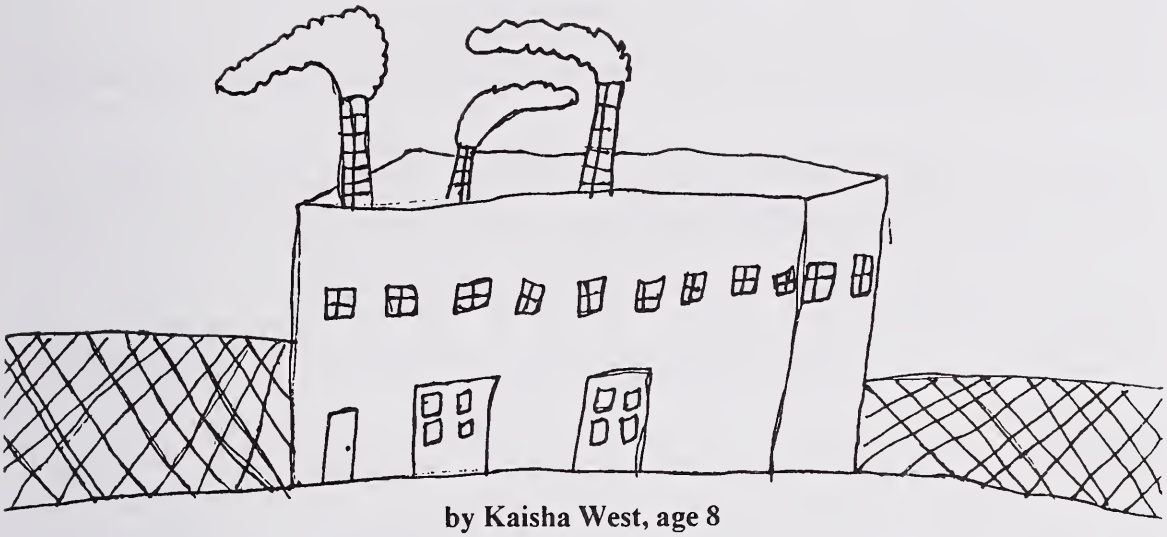
Judy Schinck, Secretary Edward Schinck, Chief Mechanic
James Gagner, Mechanic Terry Temple, PW Laborer

Green Road Infrastructure Improvement Project
The project was substantially completed in June of 1995. Punchlist items were addressed in September, thereby completing the project with the exception of some remaining lawn care details scheduled for the spring of 1996. Final requisitions for engineering and construction will be processed after expiration of the warranty period in June of 1996.

Pleasant Street Infrastructure Improvement Project
The consultant selection process was initiated in mid-1995 after receiving notice of the grant award. In accordance with grant-required procedures, qualification and technical proposal documents were developed to select an engineering firm. It is anticipated a contract for consultant services will be awarded in early 1996 and engineering will continue through the summer. Residents are urged to participate in the engineering and development phase of the project. Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions or comments regarding the project.

Fuel Storage Tank Program
A design-build contract was awarded to remove seven tanks at the public works Garage (PWG), Airport and Meadow Park and install new tanks at the PWG and the Airport. A new waste oil tank was constructed at the PWG and a new aviation fuel tank was constructed at the Airport. The contractor's closure reports to the NH Department of Environmental Services identified contamination levels in excess of allowable levels at the PWG and Meadow Park sites. It is expected that both sites will require site characterization reports and remediation work. The Public works Department secured a $23,500 grant from the NH Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division for the tank project at the Airport.

Water & Sewer
Calendar year 1995 was a productive year with regard to progress on improving water quality. The water treatment and distribution system modeling projects were substantially completed. Black & Veatch completed a study of our water quality and recommended a water treatment which the Dept. is implementing. River's Engineering Corp. progressed through the various phases of the Water Distribution Modeling Project which included a town-wide topographical survey via satellite, hydrant flow tests, computer mapping of the water system, and computer modeling of the water flow under various operational situations. These projects should reach fruition in 1996, and the knowledge gained should improve the Department's operations as well as water quality.



by Kaisha West, age 8

Boundary line agreements for five parcels abutting property owned by the Town have been drafted by Town Counsel based on information from the survey of the Gilman Pond area. Two abutting parcels remain unresolved with regard to property lines. The Public Works Department stafff has completed its review of the Sewer Use Ordinance as proposed by Stearns & Wheler and will prepare the remaining user charge and technical standards sections in 1996. Stearns & Wheler also responded to additional comments on the final Industrial Pretreatment Report as submitted in 1995. The UV Disinfection System was installed at the Sewage Treatment Plant this summer. Documentation was submitted for reimbursement of up to 30% of eligible costs through the NH State Aid Grant Program.

General

The Public Works Department consists of the Highway, Water & Sewer, and Cemetery & Grounds Departments, the Sewage Treatment Plant, and the Public works Garage Vehicle Maintenance personnel. Calendar year 1995 was a dynamic year with regard to personnel. The Highway Department lost three employees in mid-1995, and as a result, the Department was shorthanded during the latter part of the year before replacement personnel were hired. The Water & Sewer Department added a Utility Technician in 1995, and the Public works Department now consists of twenty full-time employees including the Public Works Director and the Secretary. Fraser Michaud was hired as Highway Superintendent in December. Kelly Butler, John Leslie, and John Dame were hired as Utility Technician, Truck Driver/Equipment Operator, and Public Works Laborer respectively.

No major equipment was purchased by the Public Works Department in 1995; the Public Works Garage and the Airport office and house were painted; and the Public Works Department would like to thank Newport citizens for their support of the numerous infrastructure projects in 1995.

Newport Recreation Department
1995 Annual Report

In a hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was,
the type of house I lived in, or the kinds of clothes I wore,
but the world may be a different place
because I was important in the life of a child.
Author Unknown

Director
PJ Lovely

Rec Supervisor
Scott Blewitt

Secretary
Beth Rexford

Game Room Supervisors
Brando Kirtk
Kathy Neault
Beth Rexford
Jason Avery

Volunteers
89

Day Camp Supervisors
Kathy Neault, Director
Catrina O'Connor
Bob Scheele
Lanissa Simoneau
Jennifer Johnston
Chris Friedrich
Kristi Holmes, Swim Lessons

This list of employees represents only a fraction of the people involved with the Recreation Department. This year there were 89 volunteers who "got involved" with our programs. These volunteers are the foundation of our programs, and we believe that there isn't a more important job than volunteering for the youth in your community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers; your commitment and effort is outstanding.

The Recreation Department's programming has seen major increases in the year 1995. We offered over 40 programs throughout the year for all ages. Our youth programs were very well attended with basketball and soccer attracting over 230 kids. These numbers reflect some of the positive changes we have made in our programs. These include a 3 & 4 Grade basketball program that focused on fundamentals in more of an instructional atmosphere, and a soccer program that developed into a league format to ensure playing time and fun.

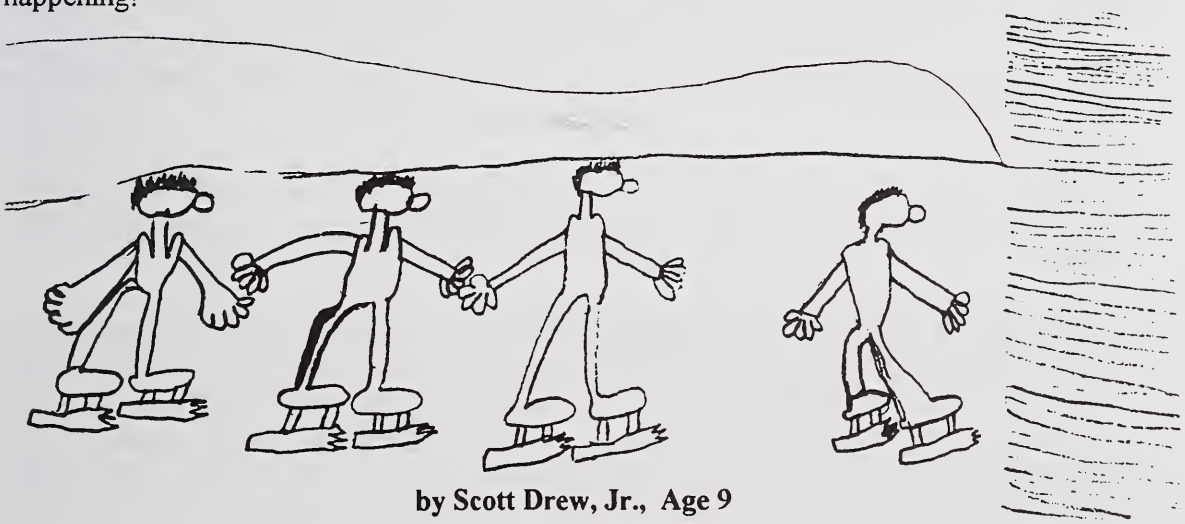
One of the most significant changes that happened in 1995 was the departure of our Director, Bud Deyo. His influence in the community and with the kids will long be remembered. A new employee was added to the department's team, Scott Blewitt, as Recreation Supervisor. Scott is already, and will continue to be, a strong asset to recreation in Newport. Our summer Day Camp will be just one of the programs to benefit from Scott's experience in both recreation and residential summer camps.

Friends of Recreation have again helped us through another year at the Ice Skating rink. These volunteers are a tremendous asset to the town. The volunteers of Friends of Rec help fill the recreational needs of the community. Projects to look forward to are the Sunshine 5K Race and a Mountain Bike Race. Help is needed for these projects, so have fun helping the community, join the Friends of Recreation now!

A list of new programs is being prepared for 1996. A Beach Volleyball League and Mens Summer Basketball will be offered in June. Also, we are offering for the first time a Teen Adventure Week during the last week of summer vacation. This program is designed for 12 to 16 year olds who enjoy the outdoors. Hiking, camping, mountain bike riding, deep sea fishing and swimming are some of the activities planned. Also being looked into is an In-Line Skate/Skateboard Park to house in-line hockey and skateboard ramps.

Friends of Youth, an independent non-profit agency shares an office in the Community Building. This agency coordinates a Big Siblings program, a Mentoring program, and Stepping Stones (group activities for children on the waiting list for a Big Sibling or a Mentor). Friends of Youth programs often dovetail with Rec Department programs, and there is an overlap with the children served by the agency and the Rec. This enables both Friends of Youth and the Recreation Department to better serve the more vulnerable children in our community. Through the dedication and commitment of community volunteers we have been able to serve 39 children in our first year of operation. Our volunteers have fun while becoming a special friend to a child in need of support and attention. If you or someone you know would like more information on any of our programs or on becoming a volunteer, please call Jane Morgan at 863-1332.

Many things are happening down at the Community Center. We are trying to build a strong department to accommodate people of all ages and abilities. We always welcome ideas, suggestions and volunteers. Our thanks go out to all town departments who have helped us begin to work on our many goals for the coming years. Thanks also to our staff who has been dedicated to making Newport a great place to live. Keep an eye out for us; things are happening!



by Scott Drew, Jr., Age 9

Richards Free Library
1995 Annual Report

Andrea Thorpe, Librarian

Victoria Carl, Asst. Librarian Sandra Trybulski, Children's Librarian
Cindy Williams, Library Assistant Harriet Davis, Administrative Assistant
Amy Jacobson, Page Michael Rybicki, Page

Trustees

Stephen Davis, Chair

Lou Dean Franz, Vice Chair Calista Thurlow, Secretary
Nancy Black, Treasurer Joe Davidson, Bldg. Supervisor
Karen Little Rebecca Nelson
Patricia Davis Michael Dixon

In 1995 the Richards Free Library continued to turn to technology to answer Newport's information needs. With funds from the Newport Fund, the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation and an anonymous donor, the library installed equipment to search popular reference resources on CD ROM and the Internet. With free access to the Internet provided by Sugar River Valley Online, the staff answered patrons' questions using online resources. The library's goal for 1996 is to open a public access terminal so that any library card holder can use the information super highway.

In 1995 Children's Librarian Sandy Trybulski added five science kits to the library's growing kit collection. Designed by Nancy Parssinen and Sandy, the kits may be used by parents and teachers to explore nature with children. The kits have activities and books on soil, orienteering, trees, water life and wetlands. The library added an additional after-school program for children. "After School Specials" brought in community experts to explore topics of hobbies, wildlife, etiquette, and crafts.

The library continued to offer programs for adults. The annual Mud Season Series of lectures was held in April. This past Spring and Fall, June and Jack Liberman took audiences on journeys through Nepal, England, Alaska and Hawaii. The library sponsored two readings by writers, one of short stories, the other poetry. On October 7th, Jill Ker Conway accepted the 39th Sarah Josepha Hale Award Medal. Her talk added to Newport's knowledge of Sarah Josepha Hale and her place in history.

The library received new furnishings for the Andler Room in memory of Ken and his brother, James Winter Barton. Ken's daughter, sister, and sister-in-law donated a table and two college chairs.

In 1995 "the lady at the desk," Pauline Horan, retired; she is missed by staff and patrons. Cindy Williams took over the circulation desk in October. The trustees and staff of the library want to thank all the volunteers and friends who donate time, services and books. The following people were often in the library working behind the scenes: Dottie Collins, Pam and Walter Gay, Maura Stetson, Barbara Yeomans, Pat Davis, Kathie Stackpole, Virginia Parker, Charen Urban and the Newport Garden Club. The staff and trustees encourage Newporters to use the library for recreation, education and information.

Sewage Treatment Plant
1995 Annual Report

Arnold L. Greenleaf, Superintendent Robert Naylor, Operator

Starting in early spring until late fall of 1995, treatment plant personnel were working on the installation of the new UV disinfection system for the plant. Plant personnel did all of the construction and concrete work for the channel, as well as constructing a building to keep the new equipment protected from the weather. The UV system was installed into the existing chlorine contact tank, saving money by not requiring any excavation or construction of a new foundation, it was just a matter of modifying the existing concrete tank to make it fit our needs. Unfortunately, due to weather and the amount of work required, it was not until mid-October that the UV equipment itself was actually installed into the new channel. Once everything was operational, the system was started up on Thanksgiving weekend and has run ever since. Now that the system is operational, we have been able to eliminate our need to use the chlorine and bisulfite that had been required for the disinfection/dechlorination process, resulting in a much cleaner and safer work environment, as well as improved effluent quality. Once the cold weather set in, we began the process of dismantling the old chlorine/dechlor equipment, repairing the damage the two chemicals caused in the rooms they were stored in. We have now installed a combined smaller system in one of the rebuilt rooms, and the equipment will only be used for standby purposes in case the UV system should fail or be unable to handle the flow. We want to thank the citizens of Newport for their financial support of this project. It has not only made the plant and our environment a safer and healthier place, but we know that our ongoing commitment to continually improve and upgrade the facility to provide better water quality for all the citizens is not being ignored.

The Industrial pretreatment Program (IPP) work is ongoing. It is expected that work should be completed and the program instituted by the end of 1996. In the interim, it would be helpful if all sewer users, especially commercial/industrial users, are aware that the new regulations will be much more restrictive than before. Users must be aware of what they are discharging into the process stream and make necessary changes to restrict those materials which do not belong there. Extra effort must be made on everyone's part to eliminate the disposal of any volatile, petroleum, hazardous or toxic compounds into the sewer system, which could impact the treatment system.

For those interested in weather data, our annual recorded rainfall here at the plant was 40.83". That was about 1.2" more than we received in 1994. The total for the year exceeds our 24 year average of 39.95". The heavy rains in October and November made up for the shortfall of moisture we had experienced during the summer. The increase in rainfall for the year seemed to have made an impact on flow, as we averaged 779,217 gallons per day (GPD) flow into the plant, 46,234 GPD more than we had in 1994. 1994 figures are in parentheses.

Wastewater	284,434,000	(267,539,000)
Septage	65,150	(73,850)

Sullivan County
Economic Development Council, Inc.
1995 Annual Report

A report on the activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) for 1995.

Successes highlighted are:

A. Obtaining a Community Development Block Grant from the Office of State Planning for the County. This grant will be used to provide assistance to East Coast Steel, Inc., located in Claremont to purchase machinery and equipment for this new location. When the Company is fully operational, the county job base will be increased by 180 jobs, and our revolving loan fund will increase substantially.

B. The Claremont Foundry, formerly known as Joy Technologies, Inc., is under new ownership and operational. SCEDC's role in this project began in Januarv by providing assistance to an employee buy-out association and has recently been completed by providing financial assistance. Twenty-eight jobs were re-established.

C. Financial assistance was also given to Skyline Designs which recently began construction of a new facility in Newport.

D. SCEDC continues to maintain and expand its Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of assisting existing and new companies with financial needs.

E. We are also working with other companies interested in expanding and relocating in the County. Some of these projects will hopefully come to fruition in the Spring of 1996.

Along with the effort to expand our industrial base, increase the area's wage base and provide financial assistance, SCEDC is working with other groups that are interested in enhancing Sullivan County.

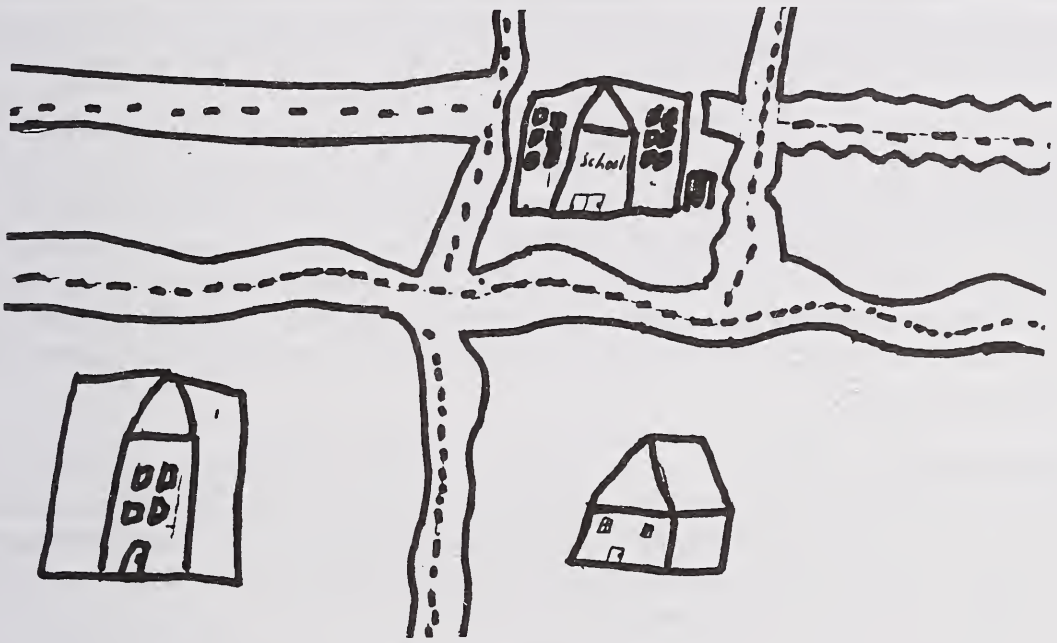
A labor task force was established for the purpose of conducting a study of the County's labor pool. As part of this process, an 800 piece mail-out was done to survey businesses relative to their employees' strengths and weaknesses. Results were compiled and work will begin on correcting our short falls. SCEDC is also serving on the School-To-Work Program which includes individuals at the local and state level, educators and business owners.

Work continues with Charlestown Economic Development Association (CEDA) and the Economic Corporation of Newport (ECON) to establish a county initiative regarding tourism. This is an area in which everyone would reap the benefits.

1995 was a very productive year for SCEDC as well as the County and we will continue to work towards the betterment of the entire area. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact our office at 543-1298.

Stephen A. Marro, Executive Director

Town Office of Planning & Zoning
1995 Annual Report



by Calvin Underwood, age 9

Planning Director
David Jescavage

Building Inspector
Brad Lane

Department Secretary
Carole Carley

Rehabilitation Specialist
Brad Lane

The Town Office of Planning and Zoning (T.O.P.A.Z.) Annual Report is organized according to the different functions that the office is responsible for and includes reports for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Building Inspector

The Building Inspector issued 181 building permits in 1995 for a total estimated construction cost of $3,470,802.60. Seventy-six building permits were for new construction with an estimated cost of $2,154,850.00. Ninety-four of the building permits were for remodeling, renovation and small structures with a total estimated cost of $1,315,952.60. Eleven demolition permits and twenty-two certificates of occupancy were issued. The Town received fees totalling $7,753.35 for these permits.

The Building Inspector conducted over 500 code inspections for the year. As a member of the Board of Housing Appeals, the Building Inspector worked with the Deputy Fire Chief and Health Officer. Together they investigated concerns involving building code, fire code, and

safety issues in older structures throughout 1995. The Building Inspector also attended a variety of workshops concerning building regulations which were conducted by organizations that he belongs to including the New Hampshire Building Officials Association, the New England Building Officials Association, and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. After taking and passing a state exam, the Building Inspector, Brad Lane, was recognized as a Certified Plumbing Inspector by the NH Plumbers Licensing Board.

Planning Board

Public Hearings

The Planning Board held 13 public hearings in 1995. Six were for site plan reviews, two for minor subdivisions, three for annexations, one for a street plat approval, and one for a subdivision amendment. A 10,000 square foot pharmacy and a new wood products manufacturing facility were among the proposals reviewed and approved. Twenty-three informational discussions were conducted on topics ranging from small annexations to large commercial projects.

Other Activities

The Board continued work sessions on the Master Plan. On June 20, 1995, the board opened a public hearing on a review of the final draft of the Master Plan. Copies of color photographs of Newport buildings and scenes were included in the Master Plan. The public hearing was closed and the Master Plan adopted on July 11, 1995.

The Board also decided to do a complete rewrite of the thirty-year old zoning ordinance to improve its clarity and organization and to coordinate it with the new Master Plan. It began reviewing it on a section by section basis and will be using the services of a land use attorney for areas that are legally confusing. Expanding the Commercial and Industrial Districts will also be considered. The project is expected to be completed in late 1996.

Howard Dunn and Jeff Kessler were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Board respectively.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The ZBA held 15 public hearings in 1995. All were appeals for special exceptions. Thirteen were approved (some with conditions). One was withdrawn and one was denied. Special exceptions were approved for uses such as vehicle sales and repair, a wood products manufacturing facility, a teen dance and recreation center, and various others.

Tony DiPadova was elected Chairman of the ZBA. Fred Maxfield was elected Vice Chairman.

C.D.B.G. Programs

Monies from C.D.B.G. grants are used to improve housing conditions for low to moderate income people and also benefit the Town by improving the tax base and injecting money into the local economy. Typical renovations have consisted of electrical and plumbing systems replacement, new roofs, porches and stairs, refinishing floors, walls and ceilings, and structural

repairs. In addition, energy-efficient measures such as heating systems, building insulation, pipe and hot water tank insulation, weather stripping, setback thermostats and water saving devices were implemented. The property owners, through sweat equity, put in time, money or materials to help maximize the work that could be done on each project. Owners of residential property in a C.D.B.G. target area who wish to participate in the housing rehabilitation program or to receive more information may call this office at 863-6278 during regular business hours.

The Green Road Target Area C.D.B.G. project was completed on December 31, 1995. This project was a comprehensive one involving housing rehabilitation and infrastructure improvements that included new water and sewer lines, new storm drains, and new roads and sidewalks. Sixteen dwelling units were rehabilitated for low to moderate income residents Overall, the project was a successful one which dramatically improved the living conditions in the Green Road Target Area. The Town received $350,000 in C.D.B.G. funds to help pay for the project.

A similar $565,000 (2-year) C.D.B.G. Comprehensive project grant was approved for the Pleasant Street Target Area in 1995. This target area is bordered by Syndicate Street on the north, Court Street on the south, North Main Street on the east and the former Claremont and Concord Railroad right-of-way on the west. Housing rehabilitation assistance will be provided for upgrading 46 housing units with low to moderate income households. Infrastructure improvements such as those in the Green Road Target Area will also be done. Applications for the rehabilitation of 17 dwelling units were received by the end of 1995. Grants and loans for housing rehabilitation projects are awarded on a first-come, first served basis so it is important to apply early.

In 1995, the Town nearly completed a Water Distribution System Feasibility Study. A $12,000 C.D.B.G. grant partially paid for this study. A computer program design will be created in 1996 to use the engineering data that was gathered during this project. An extension of the feasibility study has been granted by the Office of State Planning until June 30, 1996.

Miscellaneous

Other responsibilities of T.O.P.A.Z. include providing advice and assistance to Town Departments and the Planning and Zoning Boards, assisting permit applicants, providing information to the public, serving as the Planning and Zoning liaison with Town Counsel, obtaining planning and zoning information from the N.H. Department of Historic Resources, and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning commission, and enforcement of the site plan, subdivision, zoning regulations, and the building code.

All T.O.P.A.Z. personnel attended professional seminars for the purpose of enhancing and updating their knowledge and skills in order to provide more beneficial service to the Town. During 1995, Department Secretary, Carole Carley, served as a member of the Town's Safety Committee. The support and encouragement given by other Town officials and citizens is greatly appreciated. Public participation at all Planning and Zoning Boards meetings is strongly encouraged.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission
1995 Annual Report

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of 31 towns, four Vermont and 27 New Hampshire communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency, and when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional publications, such as our *Regional Profile*, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as the Lake Sunapee Watershed Management Plan, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series, and library which features maps, planning resources and U.S. Census data, were available to all of our member communities. A complete list of services and regional projects which benefit our members follows the list of services provided directly to residents of Newport.

In 1995, our work specifically for the town of Newport included:

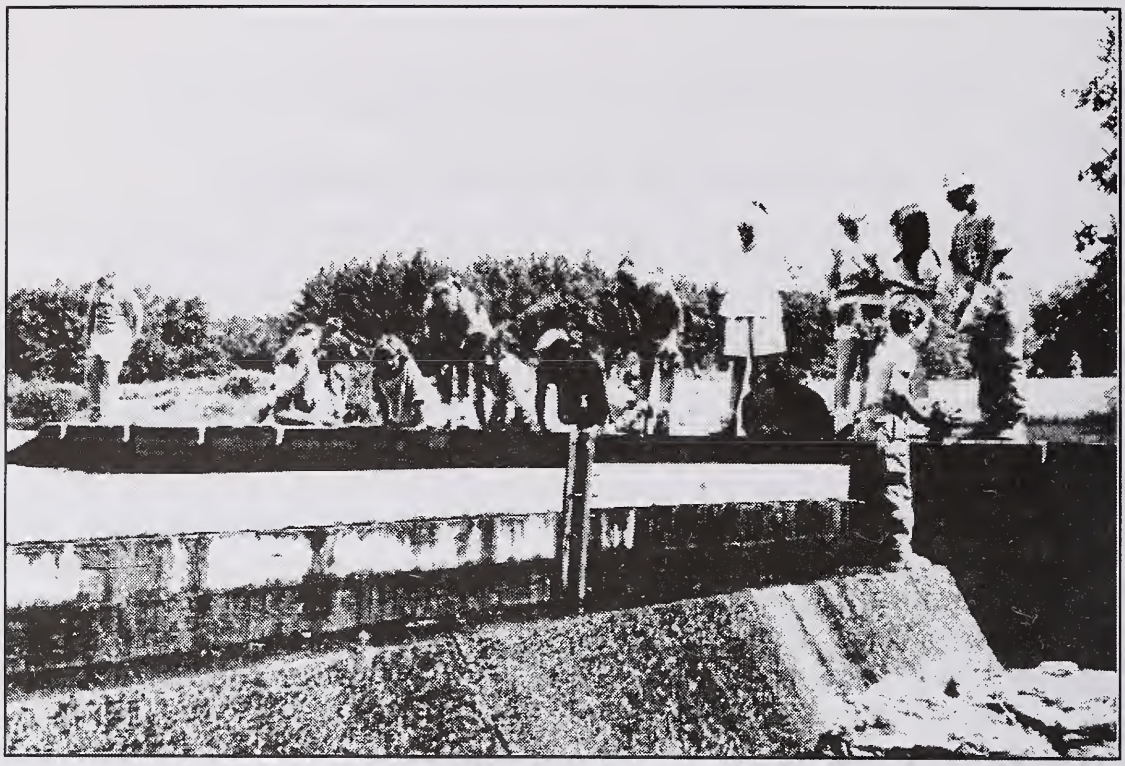
- Inventoried all roads in newport and analyzed data in a road surface management study.
- Provided information on GIS layers available at UVLSRPC and how to obtain aerial photographs.
- Continued to assist the Planning Board with the Master Plan update.
- Assisted in review of policy statement for Planning Board.
- Provided Census information for a business plan for a new retail outlet.
- Counted daily traffic at five locations using computerized equipment and provided data to the Town.
- Organized a household hazardous waste collection for Sullivan County to be held in 1997.

Our Commission looks forward to continuing to serve Newport in the coming year.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Services Which Benefit All Member Communities

- Consult and help residents of member communities as, and when, asked.
- Meet with state officials and agency representatives to influence policy and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
- Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member towns.
- Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues. Provide general staff support for the District.
- Provide administrative support for the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.
- Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission and the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.
- Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series.
- Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit.
- Use the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Provide data about our regional build out analysis which forecast the population and number of dwellings in the Region when totally built out.
- Participate in Vermont Act 250 reviews.
- Sponsor Planning Board training sessions in New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Work with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
- Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission.
- Review land use controls and master plans and suggest amendments.
- Update the Regional Profile, a compendium of information about the Region. Many businesses use this resource.
- Focus on the regional economy through our Economic Initiative Project.



Richards School children enjoy an annual field trip to Gilman Pond, Newport's water source



Water and Sewer Department
1995 Annual Report

Water/Sewer Superintendent
Donny Boynton (*resigned 3/5/96)

Kelly Ann Butler Mike Denno Brent Richardson

1995 has been a year of change for the Water and Sewer Department. Water quality became top priority for the department. Black and Veatch Engineering firm was hired to help solve the red and dirty water problems we've experienced. Their recommendation was to raise the pH to a higher level throughout the entire system. After the system has been stabilized for a period of one year, we are to evaluate the results. In order to know the effects the optimum treatment has had, the Water Department has established a monitoring program that tests in eight different areas weekly for pH, alkalinity, color, turbidity, iron, and total residual chlorine. We also monitor for bacteria in six different locations. The Department has established a Quality Assurance Program to ensure the laboratory results we generate are true and accurate, according to standard methods, the accepted protocol of water and wastewater analysis. From this, a valid data base is being developed for our use. A new turbidity meter has been purchased along with other laboratory equipment to modernize our testing procedures for water quality. At the rest of the Water and Sewer Commissioners, there were three water conditioners installed in the Coitview area on a trial basis.

The Water Distribution Modeling project has been substantially completed by Rivers Engineering of Manchester, NH. This project has given the town its first up-to-date base map since 1968. The distribution model has also provided Newport with a working model of the distribution system. This tool enables the Water Department to run scenarios regarding upgrades and problem areas that accurately portray what happens in the water system. We will be able to predict how development will impact the system, or how the water travels through our pipes and be able to make accurate decisions. This tool is state-of-the-art technology which can aid other departments in the future. A new computer is being purchased to run our model on.

The Water Treatment Plant is running as designed producing 185 million gallons of filtered water. We are using soda ash for corrosion control and to raise the pH to our optimum range. The filters have been cleaned 11 times during the course of the year, for an average of approximately once per month. A new cleaning method has been adopted which has improved efficiency and requires no mechanical devices be placed on the filters. Newport's method is new and has aroused interest from slow sand filter plants around New England. Input from all Water Department employees has made this approach successful. A new Pratt controller valve has been ordered as a spare in the event any one of the operating valves fails.

Plans have been submitted for the CDBG Project that will see infrastructure replacement for the Pleasant Street Target Area.

A new Utilities Technician was hired in September. Kelly Ann Butler is from Claremont and has made a fine addition to the Water and Sewer Department. Together with Brent Richardson and Mike Denno, all licensed operators, the Water Department now has, collectively, 22 years experience in the water and sewer industry. All licensed personnel are required by the NH DES to receive 20 contact hours of approved training every two years, and the Town has supported the Department's educational endeavors.

The Sewer Video Inspection Program will be completed in the spring of 1996. This project will identify many areas where Town sewers need rehabilitation. This project will help prioritize the areas with the greatest need. We should be able to reduce the amount of groundwater entering the sewers and the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This will give the WWTP more capacity.

A sewer enzyme project will also start in the spring of 1996. The inoculation of enzymes will help reduce solids build up and add needed bacteria to the WWTP. This project will eliminate the need for chemical degreasers which should increase biological activity at the WWTP.

With the projects that we've done in 1995, Newport has taken a step from the past and is now approaching a new era. Water quality testing has brought real information about the water quality. A plan has been formulated and our direction is clear. Time will be needed to measure any gains that we make.

In 1895 the water system was developed for fire protection, but many things have changed since those times. Chlorination was started in 1956, corrosion control was started in 1987, a new Water Treatment Plant was built in 1993, and water quality monitoring started in 1995. This culmination of events has kept Newport abreast of the changes time has had to offer public water systems and has made it one of the most progressive mid-sized water systems in the state.



One Hundred Years Ago...

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS NEWPORT, NH 1895

TO THE CITIZENS OF NEWPORT: —

The construction of a System of Water Works being an undertaking of so great magnitude, and its proper construction and management having so close a relation to the future prosperity of the town, it seems advisable for the Board of Water Commissioners to make quite an extended statement, historical and financial, concerning the work which has been accomplished during the past year.

The need of a larger and better supply of water, for protection against fire and for domestic uses, has been felt for many years. In 1887 or 1888, preliminary surveys were made to Long Pond and to Sunapee Lake....

At the June session of the legislature in 1887, an "Act to incorporate the Newport Water Works Company" was passed.... At his individual expense Hon. Dexter Richards had preliminary surveys made to Gilmans Pond and to Long Pond....

At the annual town meeting held in March last, under Article 15 in the Warrant, the following named action was taken with great unanimity:

> *VOTED, in order to facilitate the extinguishment of fires, improve the sanitary condition of the town, and for other purposes of public necessity and convenience, the town of Newport will bring water into its central village and territory adjacent thereto.*
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> *VOTED, that for the purpose of carrying the above vote into effect, a board of commissioners be constituted, to consist of five legal voters of the town, to be chosen by the town by ballot and a plurality of votes, to hold their offices for two years from their election, and afterwards as the town may determine... That for the purposes aforesaid the board be and is hereby authorized and empowered to decide upon the source or sources from which such water shall be taken; to acquire for and at the expense of the town, the title to all necessary real estate containing such sources of water; to build and construct all proper reservoirs; to lay down and maintain all proper aqueducts, and acquire all necessary easements and interests in real estate therefor; to construct all proper hydrants and other means for the use and appropriation of said water when so brought in, for the extinguishment of fires and all other uses of public necessity and convenience, and from any surplus of such water to supply the inhabitants therewith upon such terms and conditions as said board may judge reasonable and proper; and for the accomplishment of the purposes aforesaid, to make all necessary contracts in the name and in behalf of the town. For their services and expenses in the premises the members of said board shall receive reasonable compensation, to be drawn by the selectmen from the treasury of the town.*

VOTED, that in order to defray the necessary expenses involved in the foregoing votes, the selectmen be and are hereby instructed to issue the bonds of the town to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (60,000), if that sum shall be found necessary, at a rate of interest not to exceed four per centum per annum, to be paid semi-annually and exempt from taxation, the principal made payable at the end of thirty years, with the option of the town to pay the whole or any part thereof at the end of fifteen years, or any time after fifteen years and before the expiration of said thirty years.

Upon ballot John B. Cooper, Charles M. Emerson, Dana J. Mooney, Franklin P. Rowell and David M. Currier having all the ballots cast, were duly declared elected a Board of Water Commissioners for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Joel Foster, Superintendent of Water Works at Montpelier, Vt., a gentleman of long experience and extended observation in connection with construction and management of Water Works, came to Newport by request of the Board, and with them visited the Barrett Springs, Gilman Pond, Long Pond and Rockybound Pond. The flow of water at Barrett Springs was decided to be insufficient to meet the needs of Newport village. The distance and probable expense of a pipe line to Long Pond eliminated that body of water ...[as a] possible source of supply....

...All conditions [were] more in favor of Gilmans Pond. Later, Mr. Foster made estimates by which he showed that a System of Water Works could be put in with a medium sized reservoir near Mr. Barrett's at an expense of $20,000 less than one with Rockybound Pond as a supply....

Options having previously been secured on the water rights at Gilmans Pond, and on rights to lay a line of pipe over the several parcels of land between said pond and a proposed reservoir, on May 2. it was decided to make the last named body of water a source of supply for the system.

...Analyses of samples of water taken from Gilmans, Rockybound, Long and Spectacle Ponds were before the commissioners, and none was found to be purer than the water from Gilmans Pond. The surroundings are such that the danger of contamination is reduced to a minimum. With a shore sandy and rocky in its entire extent, bordered by pastures, field and woodland, the little lake is pleasing to the eye and is in every respect desirable as a source of domestic water supply.... It has an area of 63 3/4 acres with a depth in the broader parts of from 40-50 feet, and the elevation is 453 feet about [the] court house step.... A site was finally chosen for an earth reservoir in Mr. Lorenzo Whittemore's pasture, 5300 feet south of the court house, at an elevation of about 280 feet above the front step of that building....

Mr. Lucian A. Taylor of Boston, Mass., was employed to draw up plans and specifications for the construction of the entire System of Water Works. Twenty-five printed copies of Plans and Specifications were sent to as many different parties. Seven sealed proposals in due form for the construction of the entire System, and one for pipe laying along were received within the time specified. They were opened May 25. The proposal made by Lucian A. Taylor was accepted, his figures, as a whole, being considered the most favorable to the interests of the town.

The contract with Mr. Taylor was completed June 4, and on the morning of June 11, above forty Italians commenced on the trench at the upper end of Main Street... The first length of pipe was laid on the afternoon of that day. On Nov. 14, the last piece was put in place, and the water let down from Gilmans Pond to the reservoir. On the following two days, the village system of pipes was filled.

Sixty six thousand seven hundred and forty two pounds of lead was delivered direct from Kansas City, Mo at three and one-half cents per pound... Fifty-one hydrants were purchased... The

one at the junction of Main and Sunapee Streets is "four way." The others have two nozzles. Three have crane attachments for filling sprinkling carts....

The contract [for pipe] was awarded to the McNeal Pipe and Foundry Co., of Burlington, NJ at the very low price of $23.35 per gross ton of 2,240 pounds for 12, 10, 8, and 6-inch pipe; $24.35 per gross ton for 4 inch pipe, and 2 3/8 cents per pound for specials — delivered at this station. The total weight of iron bought of this company was 2,112,512 pounds, the entire cost being $22,483....

All pipes in the village system are covered five feet above the top of pipe.... The **Distribution System** included the following streets: Ash, Beech, Belknap Ave., Central, Crescent, Cheney, Cross, Elm, Grove, Laurel, Maple, Main, Park, Pearl, Pleasant, River, Summer, Sunapee, Union Court, West, Winter, Richards' Mill, Court House and Reservoir...

The proper construction of a suitable Distributing Reservoir was, from the first, regarded by the Commissioners as the most difficult part of the undertaking. The specifications for its construction were as follows:

EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT

The turf, loan, stone and all porous material shall be stripped from the site of the reservoir to such depth as the Engineer or Inspector shall direct. All excavated material shall be placed in spoil banks at such points and in such manner as the Engineer or Inspector shall direct.

The excavation for the bottom and slopes of the reservoir shall be made to the lines and grades given by the Engineer, and according to his plans and directions.

The embankment shall be made of the best obtainable material placed in layers not exceeding six inches in thickness and thoroughly rolled with a heavy grooved roller, and rammed with heavy rammers where not accessible by a roller. Whenever necessary, sufficient water shall be applied to aid in thoroughly compacting the embankment. No stones greater than three inches in diameter will be allowed except in the outer fourth of the embankment, where somewhat inferior material may be used.

In no case shall stones be placed in contact with each other, or in close proximity or "nests."

The outer slope and top of the embankment shall be covered by at least 12 inches of loan. All slopes and lines of the embankment shall be brought to true and accurate grades according to the stakes, levels and directions of the Engineer or Inspector. They shall be well seeded with such seed as the Commissioners may select, but wholly at the expense of the Contractor.

The embankment must be built with the greatest possible care, and no pains spared in the selection of proper material and its intelligent manipulation.

The contractor will be expected and required to give this portion of the work most careful supervision and must accurately carry out the plans and directions of the Engineer or Inspector.

CLAY PUDDLE

The entire bottom of the reservoir will be covered by clay puddle, and extending up the slopes and under the base of the embankment three-fourths of its thickness or width as shown on plans for reservoir. The thickness on the bottom shall be eighteen inches, on the slopes two and a half feet, and under the base of the embankment two feet. The clay puddle shall be made of the best procurable material from the excavation, well wet, all lumps broken up, all stones larger than two inches in diameter removed, put on in layers of four inches and thoroughly rammed and rolled into a compact homogeneous mass. Wherever thought necessary by the Engineer or Inspector, trenches shall be excavated in the natural ground in such locations, of such widths and depths as he may deem

necessary. The general location and character of these trenches are shown on the reservoir plan. They shall be filled with clay puddle as specified above....

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

It is understood and agreed that in the construction of the reservoir and details connected therewith, the plans instructions and directions of the Engineer and Inspector shall be followed. The Contractor will be required to do first-class work in all respects.

According to the original plan, the capacity was to be 500,000 gallons; as completed, it is 701,300 gallons. In shape, it is nearly square, the length being 116 feet and width 104.5 feet at the level of the wasteway; depth of water at lowest point, 12 feet.... It was thought that the dip of the ledge, which crops out at the north of the reservoir, was so sharp that solid rock would not be encountered in excavation. Surveys were made and the work of constructing the reservoir was carried on under charge of Mr. O. S. Crockett of Maine, a reservoir and dam builder of large experience. About the middle of August, ledge was uncovered at the northeast corner, at a depth of about 7 feet below the surface.

Continued excavation showed that the ledge sloped to the south, that it was broken, and in layers of varying thickness [which] led to the decision to uncover and remove as much of the ledge as was broken and loose, or as seemed necessary; then to fill with cement every crack and crevice discernible, and cover the whole with extra thickness of best puddle. In carrying out this plan, ledge was exposed extending over three-fourths of the inner area of the bottom of the reservoir. About six hundred cubic yards of stone was removed, and fifty-six barrels of cement were used....

The leakage, which appeared when the reservoir was first filled, has continued until the present time, though in diminished amount. During the winter the reservoir has been kept filled to the six-foot level — 260,000 gallons....

After the reservoir is entirely completed, it is intended to have a close wire fence, of some suitable design, erected around the reservoir near the inner slope, to prevent the ingress of small animals, and then enclose the whole lot of land, one and one-half acres, with a substantial stone wall with necessary gates for entrance.

GILMAN'S POND

The water rights at Gilman's Pond and the real estate connected therewith were purchased of James Burnap of Marlow and Virgil C. Gilman of Nashua, for $1500. The real estate consists of one and one half acres of land on which is a one-story house in a fair condition, a small stable of little value, and a saw and shingle mill, much out of repair. The deed gives the right to draw water from the pond, to repair the dam and to pass to and from the same. All further rights necessary for the construction of a new dam, building gate house, deepening channel in the brook, laying pipe, caring for and repairing the before named, were purchased of Mr. John Paul for $125. The shores of the pond have been cleared of all logs, limbs and rubbish at an expense of $87.90....

The rain fall for the past six months has been very small, yet the water has risen upwards of twelve inches since the mains and reservoir were filled in November. There can be no lack of water for ordinary uses for many years to come....

PIPE LAYING

The pipe laying has been done mostly under the direction of S. G. Armstrong, who has also acted as Assistant Civil Engineer. The manual labor was performed by Italians. The thoroughness

of this part of the work is proved by the fact that not a leak has yet appeared in the 10 2/5 miles of pipe laid. Crossings of the east branch of Sugar River on Cross Street, and of the south branch on lands of Mr. Stowell and Mr. Davis were made by excavating and going under the beds of the streams. On Main Street the 10 inch pipe is supported by the beams of the iron bridge and is enclosed by a double wooden casing, the intermediate space being filled with mineral wool.... From a point about 300 feet east of South Main Street to the reservoir, the supply pipe and the distributing 12-inch main are laid in the same trench.... Gates (or valves) are so located in the village that sections of pipe in the "gridiron" system may be shut off for repairs and cause no inconvenience to water takers on other streets.... It will be seen that there is pressure sufficient for good fire protection at all times on the Unity Road as far as Mr. F. E. Wright's....

The efficiency of a three-fourths inch hose, with water under pressure, was demonstrated at the Phoenix Hotel fire several weeks ago.

Taking no account of the general interest which is manifested by the citizens of Newport in the financial success of the Water Works System, it would seem to be an act of prudence, as well as of economy and convenience, for every householder, who can do so, to make use of at least one faucet, which may prove of great value in the extinguishment of incipient fires.

SERVICE PIPES

The first service pipe was laid October 8, [1895] for Mr. George E. Lewis on Belknap Avenue. The work was continued under the charge of B. F. Peasley until December 12, when the ground had become frozen. Nearly one hundred were put in. Connections were also made with the Peerless Mfg. Co., Richards Woolen Mill and the town and county building, with larger sized pipe, in order to furnish water for extra fire protection, and other uses...

A schedule of Water Rates, Rules and Regulations was prepared and issued by the Board in August. The Rules and Regulations conform to those in general use. The Water Rates are as reasonable as in any town of the size of Newport. The first applications for water were received August 25. One hundred have been filed to date. Some ninety families are now supplied, also the Newport House, Phoenix Hotel, several stores, three druggists and one livery stable....

Report of the Board of Water Commissioners
Newport, NH, 1895

Welfare Department
95 Annual Report

On June 1, 1995 the administration of the Town of Newport's Welfare Department was contracted out to the Family Service Bureau, a subsidiary of the community Alliance of Human Services. In New Hampshire local governments have always been responsible for general assistance, and our experience seems to demonstrate that efficiencies could be made to not only reduce the cost to our community but also enhance the level of benefits to recipients.

The Family Service Bureau offered to perform the services of welfare administration. Enhanced client services could be offered by clients going to one site where their situation would be evaluated to determine whether it fit the town's general assistance criteria, and if it did not, Family Service Bureau or the Community Alliance of Human Services could provide alternative services or refer clients to other agencies that may fit their needs. The level of general assistance provided by the Town in our current fiscal year was significantly less than budgeted, indicating the welfare administrative position, at this point in time and in this economic environment, was not justified as being a full-time position. This was an important factor in deciding to contract out the service. The transition came about as a result of reviewing areas within our town government whereby efficiencies, consolidations, or reductions in staff could be made. By contracting out the service of welfare administration, costs of personnel were cut by approximately one-half, as well as increasing the quality of services provided to clients, and the transition was further justified by the reduction in the use of welfare services during the recent fiscal year.

Requests for general assistance during 1995 decreased somewhat over the last year. During the year the Family Service Bureau assisted families in the following ways:

Rent	$19,949.03
Fuel	1,062.44
Electricity	8,922.45
Burials	603.10
Food	225.00
Medical	617.45
Misc	46.50

During the last year, 234 applications were processed. Fifty-one were denied, and through the application process, 71 families were assisted. Maintaining the administration of the Town Assistance Program through the Family Service Bureau has also allowed families to access a wider variety of supports and services.

1996 Town Warrant
for the Newport Town Meeting of May 14, 1996
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Newport on the second Tuesday of May, 1996, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1 To elect two (2) Selectmen for three (3) year terms.

ARTICLE 2 To elect a Moderator for a two (2) year term.

ARTICLE 3 To elect a Supervisor of the Checklist for a six (6) year term.

ARTICLE 4 To elect a Supervisor of the Checklist for a four (4) year term.

ARTICLE 5 To elect a Town Clerk for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 6 To elect a Town Treasurer for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE 7 To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term and all other officers, auditors, agents and committees necessary to conduct Town business.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town is in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Historic District Ordinance:

Amend Section 1.02 of the Historic District Ordinance by extending the boundary line to the Town Common Historic District to include the Little Common. The proposed district boundary change would be illustrated on the Town Common Historic District Map referred to in Section 1.02. **(Approved by the Planning Board) (By ballot.)**

Rationale: The Little Common was inadvertently excluded from the Town Common Historic District when the District was originally approved by the Town. Approval of this amendment would include the historic Little Common as part of the Town Common Historic District and make the provisions of the Historic District Ordinance applicable to the Little Common.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand ($595,000) Dollars to be used for engineering, design, construction/renovation, purchase of land, finance, and any other costs of a new police facility on the location known as 59 Main Street, map 45 lot 1818-2, said sum to consist of Five Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand ($554,000) Dollars to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) with the Board of Selectmen authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds and/or notes and determine the rate of interest and the time period thereon, and to take other such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. The balance of Forty-One Thousand ($41,000) Dollars to be raised by taxation in the current year. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.) (By ballot.)**

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will go forward with improvements on Town property on the south side of Corbin Road, adjacent to the Corbin Covered Bridge for recreation, field trips, and other similar activities. **(By Petition.)**

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant permission to the Newport Historical Society to place a plaque inside the Corbin Covered Bridge at the northeast corner. Said plaque commemorates the rebuilding of the bridge that was destroyed by arson in May, 1993. Such costs of purchasing and placing of the plaque inside the bridge would be borne by the Newport Historical Society. **(By Petition.)**

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment and/or vehicles no longer needed.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed; such conveyance shall be by deed following public auction or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require as determined by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 80:80.

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to expand the duties and responsibilities of the Newport Historical District Commission into a Heritage District. This would allow the Commission to raise funds and apply for eligible grants from the New Hampshire and Federal Departments of Historic Resources.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt the proposed budget, raise and appropriate the sums contained in the report and listed in the budget and take any action thereon. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Fifty-Two ($89,052) Dollars for the purchase of the following Highway equipment:

Dump Truck	$83,687
Sander	5,365
Total	$89,052

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred ($16,500) Dollars from the Highway Capital Reserve. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty ($56,180) Dollars to replace the fire station floor. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 18 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict revenues from rent of the Town Hall/Opera House to expenditures for the purposes of Town Hall/Opera House renovations and repairs? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Town Hall Improvement Fund, separate for the General Fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue.

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand ($115,000) Dollars to rehabilitate the Main Street facade of the Opera House, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Thirteen Thousand ($13,000) Dollars plus accrued interest from the Opera House capital reserve fund. The balance of these funds to come from the Town Hall Improvements Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand ($20,000) Dollars for transfer to the Revaluation Capital Reserve. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred ($154,600) Dollars for the rehabilitation and/or overlay of the following streets:

Oak Street	$54,000
Summer Street	62,600
Barton-Whitney Road	38,000
TOTAL	$154,600

Any unexpended portion of this appropriation shall be utilized for the purpose of repairing other roads as determined by the Board of Selectmen. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand ($281,000) Dollars for the Town's share of the cost to reconstruct Central Street, said sum to consist of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand ($121,000) from the General Fund, Eighty Thousand ($80,000) Dollars from each the Water and Sewer Funds and to further authorize the withdrawal of Fifty-Five Thousand ($55,000) Dollars plus accrued interest from the Central Street Capital Reserve Fund. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand ($30,000) Dollars for the purpose of engineering and construction costs for replacing the Maple Street Extension bridge over Wendell Brook and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:3 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or five years, whichever is sooner. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand ($16,000) Dollars for costs associated with the cleanup of contamination related to the removal of underground fuel storage tanks at the Public Works Garage and Meadow Park; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred ($6,500) Dollars to complete a feasibility study for the purpose of building new or the addition to the existing Recreation facility a gymnasium, cardiovascular exercise room and locker rooms for improving and increasing recreation activities in the community. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven ($69,747) Dollars for the purpose of paying the special assessment of the NH/VT Solid Waste Project. **(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Seventy-One ($10,071) Dollars from the Water Fund for the upgrade of the Old Chlorine House. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand ($186,000) Dollars for the purpose of additional work within the Pleasant Street CDBG Project, said sum to come from Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five ($45,425) Dollars from the Water Fund, Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five (80,575) Dollars from the Sewer Fund, and Sixty Thousand ($60,000) Dollars transferred from the surplus of the Green Road CDBG Project. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty ($28,350) Dollars from the Airport Fund for the Town's share of airport paving, contingent upon the approval of a grant from the State of NH for one half of the project costs; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of the property known as the Isaac Reed House, located at Map 45, Lot 258-2, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of One ($1) Dollar for the purpose of repairs for this building. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**

ARTICLE 31 To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting. (Polls shall open for the reception of ballots at 9:00 a.m. and shall not be closed earlier than 7:00 p.m. and the business part of the meeting shall start at 6:00 p.m.)

Gary E. Nichols, Chairman
John K. Lunn, Vice Chair
Roland V. Stoodley
Sharon L. MacDonald
Robert E. Collins

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Estimated Sources of Revenue

	Approved Budget 1995–96	Estimated Revenue 1996–97	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
Taxes:			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	1,000	1,000
Yield Taxes	10,000	15,000	15,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	36,325	36,325	36,325
Penalties & Interest	225,000	225,000	225,000
Total Taxes	272,325	277,325	277,325
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permits	430,000	430,000	430,000
Building Permits	8,000	8,000	8,000
Other Licenses and Permits	10,000	10,100	10,100
Total Licenses and Permits	448,000	448,100	448,100
Intergovernmental Revenues	420,723	423,999	423,999
Charges for Service:			
Income from Departments	225,000	229,000	229,000
Garbage/Refuse	50,000	50,000	50,000
Water Department	470,568	544,946	544,946
Sewer Department	571,107	712,530	712,530
Airport	18,300	35,535	35,535
Total Charges for Service	1,334,975	1,572,011	1,572,011
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of Property	1,500	1,000	1,000
Interest on Investments	30,000	40,000	40,000
Rent of Property	37,240	37,240	37,240
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Miscellaneous	40,351	42,729	42,729
Total Miscellaneous	129,091	140,969	140,969
Other Financing Sources:			
Transfer from Other Funds		162,000	288,000
Transfer from Capital Reserve – Gener:	21,019	87,500	87,500
Proceeds of LTD – Capital Projects Fund		554,000	554,000
Use of Fund Balance – General Fund	210,000	250,000	250,000
Use of Fund Balance – Water Fund		103,624	103,624
Use of Fund Balance – Sewer Fund		39,586	39,586
Use of Fund Balance – Airport Fund	23,108	13,826	13,826
Total Other Financing Sources	254,127	1,210,536	1,336,536
TOTAL REVENUES	$2,859,241	$4,072,940	$4,198,940

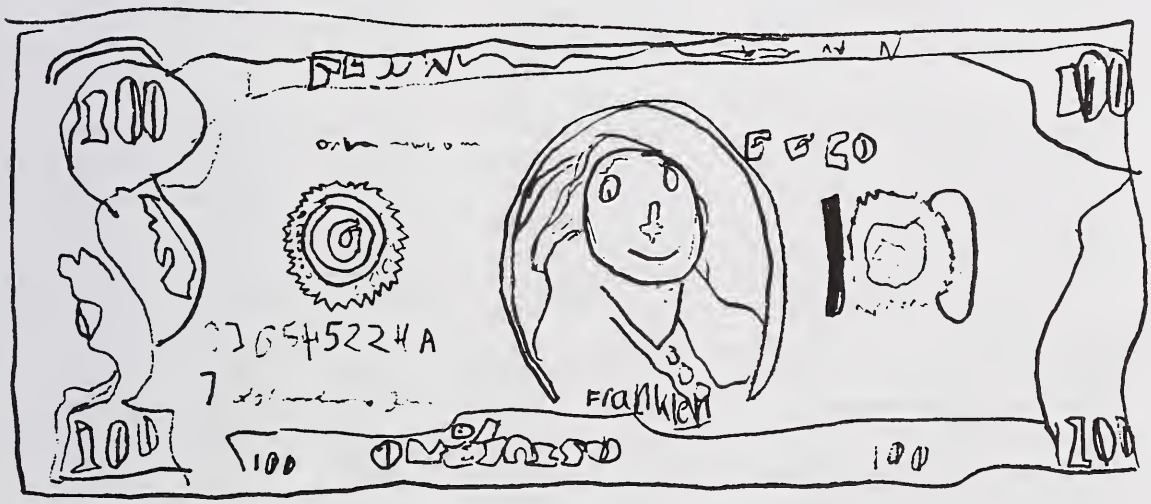
Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 1995–96	Recommended Expenditures 96–97	
		Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
General Government:			
Executive	$93,902	$95,074	$95,074
Election/Registration	43,209	45,923	45,923
Financial Administration	153,713	159,231	159,231
Legal	20,000	20,000	20,000
Personnel Administration	431,140	448,739	448,739
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	73,870	73,179	73,179
District Court	8,022		
General Government Buildings	73,190	128,755	128,755
Cemeteries	76,807	78,122	78,122
Insurance	5,000	5,000	5,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	3,016	3,093	3,093
Other General Government	64,154	46,952	46,952
Total General Government	1,046,023	1,104,068	1,104,068
Public Safety:			
Police Department	720,362	589,325	589,325
Emergeny Communications		148,216	148,216
Ambulance Department	136,603	133,746	133,746
Fire Department	265,398	280,814	280,814
Building Inspection	8,066	8,066	8,066
Emergency Management	1,911	1,897	1,897
Total Public Safety	1,132,340	1,162,064	1,162,064
Highways and Streets:			
Public Works Garage	127,673	144,750	144,750
Highways and Streets	424,960	419,467	419,467
Bridges	3,400	2,900	2,900
Street Lighting	63,900	66,287	66,287
Airport	17,338	21,011	21,011
Total Highways and Streets	637,271	654,415	654,415
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Collection	50,000	50,000	50,000
Solid Waste Disposal (Recycling)	97		
Sewer Department	318,830	355,913	355,913
Total Sanitation	368,927	405,913	405,913
Water Department	295,576	361,298	361,298
Health:			
Health Administration	2,495	2,495	2,495
Health Agency	31,146	22,829	22,829
Total Health	33,641	25,324	25,324

Budget for the Town of Newport, NH
Purpose of Appropriations

	Approved Budget 1995–96	Recommended Expenditures 96–97 Selectmen	Budget Advisory Committee
Welfare:			
Welfare Administration	22,734	14,500	14,500
Welfare Direct Assistance	85,000	70,000	70,000
Total Welfare	107,734	84,500	84,500
Culture and Recreation:			
Recreation	120,456	119,610	119,610
Library	135,399	139,232	139,232
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Patriotic Purposes	258,355	261,342	261,342
Conservation Administration	3,000	1,000	1,000
Debt Service:			
Pricipal LTD	345,615	280,000	280,000
Interest LTD	73,986	54,481	54,481
Tax Anticipation Interest	2,000	2,000	2,000
Water Fund Debt	89,974	151,776	151,776
Sewer Fund Debt	249,259	235,628	235,628
Debt Service	760,834	723,885	723,885
Capital Outlay:			
General Fund Articles	353,724	608,333	608,333
Water Fund Articles	85,018	135,496	135,496
Sewer Fund Articles	3,018	160,575	160,575
Airport Fund Articles	24,070	28,350	28,350
Capital Projects Fund Articles		655,000	655,000
Capital Outlay	465,830	1,587,754	1,587,754
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$5,109,531	$6,371,563	$6,371,563
Add:			
War Service Credits	52,600	52,800	52,800
Overlay	123,262	100,000	100,000
Less:			
Estimated Revenues	2,859,241	4,072,940	4,198,940
Estimated Property Taxes to be Raised	$2,426,152	$2,451,423	$2,325,423
AMOUNTS NOT RECOMMENDED			
Solid Waste Collection		$69,747	$69,747

1995 Financial and Statistical Reports



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STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Adjusted Budget 1994–95	Actual	Over (Under) Budget $	Over (Under) Budget %
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	$2,244,373	$2,307,926	$63,553	2.83%
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	160	(840)	−84.00%
Resident Taxes	42,000	41,530	(470)	−1.12%
Yield Taxes	10,000	26,679	16,679	166.79%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	35,157	36,325	1,168	3.32%
Penalties & Interest	260,000	255,851	(4,149)	−1.60%
Total Taxes	2,592,530	2,668,471	75,941	2.93%
Licenses and Permits:				
Motor Vehicle Permits	380,000	454,334	74,334	19.56%
Building Permits	12,000	15,356	3,356	27.97%
Other Licenses and Permits	11,000	11,171	171	1.55%
Total Licenses and Permits	403,000	480,861	77,861	19.32%
Intergovernmental Revenues	394,084	400,819	6,735	1.71%
Charges for Service:				
Income from Departments	176,360	253,857	77,497	43.94%
Garbage/Refuse	60,000	38,240	(21,760)	−36.27%
Water Department	424,351	493,431	69,080	16.28%
Sewer Department	587,889	641,819	53,930	9.17%
Airport	20,667	21,231	564	2.73%
Total Charges for Service	1,269,267	1,448,578	179,311	14.13%
Miscellaneous:				
Sale of Property	1,500	581	(919)	−61.27%
Interest on Investments	20,000	38,852	18,852	94.26%
Rent of Property	37,240	35,836	(1,404)	−3.77%
Insurance Reimbursements	8,000	8,828	828	10.35%
Transfer from Trust Funds	20,000	21,302	1,302	6.51%
Other Miscellaneous	89,856	91,935	2,079	2.31%
Total Miscellaneous	176,596	197,334	20,738	11.74%
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfer from Capital Reserve – General	55,500	55,491	(9)	−0.02%
Transfer from Capital Reserve – Water	11,966	11,593	(373)	−3.12%
Transfer from Capital Reserve – Sewer	11,966	11,593	(373)	−3.12%
Proceeds from LTD – General Fund	65,615	65,615	0	0.00%
Total Other Financing Sources	145,047	144,292	(755)	−0.52%
TOTAL REVENUES	$4,980,524	$5,340,355	$359,831	7.22%

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Adjusted Budget 1994–95	Actual	Under (Over) Budget $	Under (Over) Budget %
General Government:				
Executive	$88,627	$91,079	($2,452)	−2.77%
Election/Registration	44,688	45,537	(849)	−1.90%
Financial Administration	153,628	154,460	(832)	−0.54%
Legal	20,000	19,618	382	1.91%
Personnel Administration	432,800	385,529	47,271	10.92%
Town Office of Planning and Zoning	66,937	71,909	(4,972)	−7.43%
District Court	5,980	8,742	(2,762)	−46.19%
General Government Buildings	97,038	79,712	17,326	17.85%
Cemeteries	72,255	72,455	(200)	−0.28%
Insurance	5,000	509	4,491	89.82%
Advertising & Regional Associations	2,763	2,676	87	3.15%
Other General Government	50,162	50,133	29	0.06%
Total General Government	1,039,878	982,359	57,519	5.53%
Public Safety:				
Police Department	708,108	685,832	22,276	3.15%
Ambulance Department	127,068	114,619	12,449	9.80%
Fire Department	251,913	244,261	7,652	3.04%
Building Inspection	7,348	7,662	(314)	−4.27%
Emergency Management	1,200	2,091	(891)	−74.25%
Total Public Safety	1,095,637	1,054,465	41,172	3.76%
Highways and Streets:				
Public Works Garage	128,342	121,629	6,713	5.23%
Highways and Streets	453,310	438,774	14,536	3.21%
Bridges	2,000	789	1,211	60.55%
Street Lighting	60,400	59,902	498	0.82%
Airport	20,667	19,512	1,155	5.59%
Total Highways and Streets	664,719	640,606	24,113	3.63%
Sanitation:				
Solid Waste Collection	60,000	39,131	20,869	34.78%
Solid Waste Disposal (Recycling)	4,960	882	4,078	82.22%
Sewer Department	312,792	305,169	7,623	2.44%
Total Sanitation	377,752	345,182	32,570	8.62%
Water Department	263,577	242,126	21,451	8.14%
Health:				
Health Administration	2,254	2,103	151	6.70%
Health Agency	30,107	30,107	0	0.00%
Total Health	32,361	32,210	151	0.47%

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Adjusted Budget 1994–95	Actual	Under (Over) Budget $	Under (Over) Budget %
Welfare:				
Welfare Administration	22,800	25,130	(2,330)	−10.22%
Welfare Direct Assistance	85,000	46,851	38,149	44.88%
Total Welfare	107,800	71,981	35,819	33.23%
Culture and Recreation:				
Recreation	122,655	124,247	(1,592)	−1.30%
Library	132,910	132,910	0	0.00%
Patriotic Purposes	2,500	2,564	(64)	−2.56%
Total Patriotic Purposes	258,065	259,721	(1,656)	−0.64%
Conservation Administration	3,000	2,535	465	15.50%
Debt Service:				
Pricipal LTD	280,000	280,000	0	0.00%
Interest LTD	93,263	93,263	0	0.00%
Tax Anticipation Interest	3,000		3,000	100.00%
Water Fund Debt	91,966	91,966	0	0.00%
Sewer Fund Debt	257,474	257,473	1	0.00%
Debt Service	725,703	722,702	3,001	0.41%
Capital Outlay:				
General Fund Articles	499,020	497,711	1,309	0.26%
Water Fund Articles	180,024	179,650	374	0.21%
Sewer Fund Articles	335,641	335,267	374	0.11%
Capital Outlay	1,014,685	1,012,628	2,057	0.20%
Transfer to Special Revenue Funds	2,647	2,647	0	0.00%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$5,585,824	$5,369,162	$216,662	3.88%

TOWN OF NEWPORT,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

JUNE 30, 1995

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT

A Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

B Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

C Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (GAAP Basis) - General and Special Revenue Funds

D Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - All Proprietary Fund Types and Nonexpendable Trust Funds

E Combined Statement of Cash Flows - All Proprietary Fund Types and Nonexpendable Trust Funds

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Newport
Newport, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport as of and for the year ended June 30, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Newport has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newport, as of June 30, 1995, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards,* we have also issued a report dated September 21, 1995 on our consideration of the Town of Newport's internal control structure and a report dated September 21, 1995 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

September 21, 1995

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Balance Sheet – All Funds Types and Account Groups
June 30, 1995

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	$2,021,620	$314,109	$1,792
Investments	1,614		
Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)			
Interest			
Taxes	2,272,521		
Accounts	15,835	81,287	58,965
Intergovernmental	30,183	62,549	
Other	917		
Interfund Receivable	222,617	382,562	464
Prepaid Items	68,820		
Fixed Assets		3,240	
Accumulated Depreciation			
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	60,508		
Other Assets			
Other Debits			
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement of General Long–Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	$4,694,635	$843,747	$61,221

Proprietary Fund Type		Fiduciary	Account Group	
Enterprise Funds		Fund Type	General	
Water Department	Sewer Department	Trust Funds	Long-Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
$612,726	$524,969	$532,006	$	$4,007,222
		454,143		455,757
		3,450		3,450
				2,272,521
182,438	216,073			554,598
302,516	1,101,170			1,496,418
		75,699		76,616
13,186	16,240	46,907		681,976
				68,820
2,533,618	5,933,380			8,470,238
(298,080)	(882,841)			(1,180,921)
1,999	2,781			65,288
1,300				1,300
			1,301,436	1,301,436
$3,349,703	$6,911,772	$1,112,205	$1,301,436	$18,274,719

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Balance Sheet – All Funds Types and Account Groups (Continued)
June 30, 1995

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	$163,547	$4,624	$3,600
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	35,485		
Contracts Payable		95,933	
Retainage Payable		27,536	
Intergovernmental Payable	275		
Interfund Payable	94,831	63,703	55,829
Other Current Liabilities	13,671		
Deferred Tax Revenues	3,501,358		
Other Deferred Revenues	5,817	20,363	
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Capital Leases Payable			
Compensated Absences			
Total Liabilities	3,814,984	212,159	59,429
Equity and Other Credits			
Contributed Capital			
Retained Earnings			
Reserved			
Unreserved			
Fund Balanmces			
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	60,508		
Reserved for Endowments			
Reserved for Encumbrances	123,599		
Reserved for Inventories		3,240	
Reserved for Special Purposes		54,794	1,792
Unreserved			
Designated For Special Purposes		573,554	
Undesignated	695,544		
Total Equity and Other Credits	879,651	631,588	1,792
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	$4,694,635	$843,747	$61,221

Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
Water Department	Sewer Department	Trust Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
$2,970	$7,736	$	$	$182,477
				35,485
				95,933
				27,536
				275
133,745	233,889	99,979		681,976
		75,699		89,370
				3,501,358
373	296			26,849
977,586	1,725,000		$1,260,615	3,963,201
			37,055	37,055
			3,766	3,766
1,114,674	1,966,921	175,678	1,301,436	8,645,281
590,772	3,327,176			3,917,948
159,288	116,972			276,260
1,484,969	1,500,703			2,985,672
				60,508
		578,491		578,491
				123,599
				3,240
		358,036		414,622
				573,554
				695,544
2,235,029	4,944,851	936,527		9,629,438
$3,349,703	$6,911,772	$1,112,205	$1,301,436	$18,274,719

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
Revenues			
Taxes	$7,179,050		
Licenses and Permits	480,861		
Intergovernmental	677,418	$265,887	
Charges For Service	292,096	22,266	
Miscellaneous	176,032	77,087	$62,741
Other Financing Sources			
Operating Transfers In	76,793	543,082	
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt	65,615		
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	8,947,865	908,322	62,741
Expenditures			
Current			
General Government	995,263	1,044	
Public Saftey	1,124,438	3,974	
Highways, Streets, Bridges	580,264	19,512	
Sanitation	40,014		
Health	32,210		
Welfare	71,981		
Culture and Recreation	121,811	175,948	
Conservation	535	254	
Debt Service	373,263		
Capital Outlay	435,407	732,489	321,119
Intergovernmental	4,848,119		
Other Financing Uses			
Operating Transfers Out	229,047	26,778	
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	8,852,352	959,999	321,119
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	95,513	(51,677)	(258,378)
Fund Balances – July 1	784,138	683,265	260,170
Fund Balances – June 30	$879,651	$631,588	$1,792

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Fiduciary Fund Type Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	$7,179,050
	480,861
	943,305
	314,362
$22,707	338,567
120,149	740,024
	65,615
142,856	10,061,784
	996,307
	1,128,412
	599,776
	40,014
	32,210
	71,981
4,022	301,781
	789
	373,263
	1,489,015
	4,848,119
94,469	350,294
98,491	10,231,961
44,365	(170,177)
309,462	2,037,035
$353,827	$1,866,858

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (GAAP Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1995

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
Taxes	$7,133,658	$7,179,050	$45,392
Licenses and Permits	403,000	480,861	77,861
Intergovernmental	670,683	677,418	6,735
Charges For Service	236,360	292,096	55,736
Miscellaneous	156,596	176,032	19,436
Other Financing Sources			
Operating Transfers In	75,500	76,793	1,293
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt	65,615	65,615	
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	8,741,412	8,947,865	206,453
Expenditures			
Current			
General Government	1,052,784	995,263	57,521
Public Saftey	1,090,315	1,049,586	40,729
Highways, Streets, Bridges	596,383	573,705	22,678
Sanitation	68,986	40,014	28,972
Health	32,361	32,210	151
Welfare	107,800	71,981	35,819
Culture and Recreation	121,505	121,811	(306)
Conservation	1,000	535	465
Debt Service	376,263	373,263	3,000
Capital Outlay	519,619	516,818	2,801
Intergovernmental	4,848,119	4,848,119	
Other Financing Uses			
Operating Transfers Out	229,047	229,047	
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	9,044,182	8,852,352	191,830
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(302,770)	95,513	398,283
Fund Balances – July 1	784,138	784,138	
Fund Balances – June 30	$481,368	$879,651	$398,283

Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
			$7,133,658	$7,179,050	$45,392
			403,000	480,861	77,861
$565,000	$265,887	($299,113)	1,235,683	943,305	(292,378)
20,667	22,266	1,599	257,027	314,362	57,335
	77,087	77,087	156,596	253,119	96,523
486,725	543,082	56,357	562,225	619,875	57,650
			65,615	65,615	
1,072,392	908,322	(164,070)	9,813,804	9,856,187	42,383
	1,044	(1,044)	1,052,784	996,307	56,477
	3,974	(3,974)	1,090,315	1,053,560	36,755
20,667	19,512	1,155	617,050	593,217	23,833
			68,986	40,014	28,972
			32,361	32,210	151
132,910	175,948	(43,038)	240,710	247,929	(7,219)
	254	(254)	121,505	122,065	(560)
			1,000	535	465
			376,263	373,263	3,000
918,815	732,489	186,326	1,438,434	1,249,307	189,127
			4,848,119	4,848,119	
	26,778	(26,778)	229,047	255,825	(26,778)
1,072,392	959,999	112,393	10,116,574	9,812,351	304,223
	(51,677)	(51,677)	(302,770)	43,836	346,606
683,265	683,265		1,467,403	1,467,403	
$683,265	$631,588	($51,677)	$1,164,633	$1,511,239	$346,606

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Retained Earnings/Fund Balances
All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Proprietary Fund Types	
	Enterprise Funds	
	Water Department	Sewer Department
Operating Revenues		
Charges For Sales and Serivces		
User Charges	$427,828	$508,640
Job Works	6,193	2,761
Miscellaneous	2,082	7,511
New Funds		
Interest and Dividends		
Capital Gains (Losses)		
Total Operating Revenues	436,103	518,912
Operating Expenses		
Cost of Sales and Services		
Services	115,805	49,040
Treatment	35,639	158,995
Administration	65,549	73,206
Depreciation	79,374	146,029
Trust Fund Distribution		
Miscellaneous	2,698	
Total Operating Expenses	299,065	427,270
Operating Income	137,038	91,642
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		
Interest Revenue	29,051	26,613
Interest Expense	(55,759)	(127,473)
State Water	28,278	81,929
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	1,570	(18,931)
Income Before Operating Transfers	138,608	72,711
Operating Transfers		
Transfers In	11,593	11,593
Transfers Out	(13,261)	(26,775)
Net Operating Transfers	(1,668)	(15,182)
Net Income	136,940	57,529
Add Depreciation on Fixed Assets Acquired by Grants, Entitlements and Shared Revenues Externally Restricted for Capital Acquisition and Construction that Reduces Contributed Capital	15,967	99,319
Retained Earnings/Fund Balances – July 1	1,491,350	1,460,827
Retianed Earnings/Fund Balances – June 30	$1,644,257	$1,617,675

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Fiduciary Fund Types Nonexpendable Trust Funds		
Town	Library	Total (Memorandum Only)
$	$	$936,468
		8,954
		9,593
9,130	601	9,731
23,054	10,555	33,609
(310)	(416)	(726)
31,874	10,740	997,629
		164,845
		194,634
		138,755
		225,403
1,752	26	1,778
		2,698
1,752	26	728,113
30,122	10,714	269,516
		55,664
		(183,232)
		110,207
		(17,361)
30,122	10,714	252,155
		23,186
(21,302)	(10,803)	(72,141)
(21,302)	(10,803)	(48,955)
8,820	(89)	203,200
		115,286
317,126	256,843	3,526,146
$325,946	$256,754	$3,844,632

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EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF NEWPORT
Combined Statement of Changes in Cash Flows
All Proprietary Funas and Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Proprietary Fund Types Enterprise Funds	
	Water Department	Sewer Department
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Cash Received From Customers and Users	$341,979	$801,355
Cash Payments to Employees and Suppliers	(298,828)	(316,748)
Interest and Dividends Received		
New Funds Received		
Trust Income Distributions		
Operating Transfers Out		
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	43,151	484,607
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Proceeds From Sales and Maturities of Investment Activities		
Purchase of Investment Securities		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	29,051	26,613
Net Cash Provided (Used) in Investing Activities	29,051	26,613
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(137,316)	(234,057)
Principal Payments – Long–Term Debt	(36,207)	(130,000)
Interest Payments – Long–Term Debt	(55,759)	(127,473)
Capital Contributions	298,948	111,216
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	69,666	(380,314)
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash	141,868	130,906
Cash – July 1	470,858	394,063
Cash – June 30	$612,726	$524,969
Reconciliation of Net Income to New Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
Net Income	$136,940	$57,529
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
Capital (Gain) Loss		
Depreciation Expense	79,374	146,029
Gain (Loss) on Sales of Investments		
(Increase) Decrease in Receivables		
Accounts	19,824	14,208
Interest		
(Increase) Decrease in Due From Other Governments	(302,516)	82,986
(Increase) Decrease in Due From Other Funds	(1,338)	(10,415)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	2,341	536
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(2,578)	(1,930)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenues	373	296
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	110,731	195,368
Total Adjustments	(93,789)	427,078
Net Cash Provided By Operations	$43,151	$484,607

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Fiduciary Fund Types Nonexpendable Trust Funds		Totals
Town	Library	(Memorandum Only)
		$1,143,334
		(615,576)
$22,226	$10,555	32,781
9,130	601	9,731
(1,752)	(26)	(1,778)
(19,692)	(10,803)	(30,495)
9,912	327	537,997
93,405	39,177	132,582
(31,895)		(31,895)
		55,664
61,510	39,177	156,351
		410,164
		410,164
71,422	39,504	1,104,512
13,895	41,588	920,404
$85,317	$81,092	$2,024,916
$8,820	($89)	$203,200
	416	416
		225,403
310		310
		34,032
(828)		(828)
		(219,530)
		(11,753)
		2,877
		(4,508)
		669
1,610		307,709
1,092	416	334,797
$9,912	$327	$537,997

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TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 1995

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to the governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Newport, New Hampshire, is a municipal corporation governed by an elected Board of Selectmen and Town Manager. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town of Newport (primary government), and its component units. Component units are organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable or for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on the foregoing criteria, no other organizations are included in the Town's financial reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped by type in the financial statements. The following fund types and account groups are used by the Town:

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Town are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Town's expendable financial resources, and the related liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The following are the Town's Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges, and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The following funds are included in this fund type:

Richards Free Library
Airport Operating
Conservation Commission
Community Development Block Grants
Ambulance Donations
Water Feasibility Study
South Main Street Revolving Loan

Capital Projects Funds - Transactions related to resources obtained and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities are accounted for in Capital Projects Funds. Such resources are derived principally from proceeds of long-term notes or bonds and from Federal and State grants. The following funds are included in this fund type:

Sewage Treatment Plant Construction
Corbin Covered Bridge

Proprietary Fund Types

Proprietary Funds - These funds account for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges. The funds included in this category are the Enterprise Funds.

Enterprise Funds - These funds are established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The Water Department and Sewer Department Funds are included in this fund type.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary Fund Types - These funds account for assets held by the Town as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, and other units of governments.

The following funds are included in this fund type:

Nonexpendable Trust Funds
Town Trusts
Library Trusts

Expendable Trust Funds
Library Trusts
Capital Reserve

Agency Fund
Deferred Compensation Plan

Account Groups

Account groups are not "funds." They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results of operations. The Town uses the following account groups:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - General fixed assets have been acquired for general governmental purposes and have been recorded as expenditures in the fund making the expenditure. These expenditures are required to be capitalized at historical cost in a General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts for accountability purposes. In accordance with the practices followed by most other municipal entities in the State, the Town does not maintain a record of its general fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in this financial report.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term debt of the Town except that which is accounted for in the proprietary fund.

Total Columns (Memorandum Only) on Combined Statements

Amounts in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns in the combined financial statement line items of the fund types and account groups are presented for analytical purposes only. The summation includes fund types and account groups that use different bases of accounting, includes interfund transactions that have not been eliminated and the caption "amounts to be provided," which is not an asset in the usual sense. Consequently, amounts shown in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns are not comparable to a consolidation and do not represent the total resources available or total revenues and expenditures/expenses of the Town.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. For Proprietary Fund Types. the measurement focus is on the determination of net income.

All Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet.

The accounts of the Governmental, Expendable Trust, and Agency Funds are maintained and reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Application of the "susceptibility to accrual" criteria requires judgement, consideration of the materiality of the item in question, and due regard for the practicality of accrual, as well as consistency in application. Those revenues susceptible to accrual are taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services and interest revenue. Licenses and permits and most other local source revenues are not susceptible to accrual, because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Accumulated unpaid vacation and sick pay, and principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due. All Nonexpendable Trust and Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

D. Budgetary Accounting

General Budget Policies

General governmental revenues and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a formal integrated budgetary accounting system in accordance with various legal requirements which govern the Town's operations. At its annual meeting, the Town adopts a budget for the current year for the General, significant Special Revenue, Water Department, and Sewer Department Funds. Except as reconciled below, budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management may transfer appropriations between operating categories as they deem necessary, but expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations in total. Unexpended balances of special articles for specific purposes may not be transferred. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered.

In the case of emergency expenditures, overexpenditures are allowed under the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law (RSA Chapter 32) if prior approval is secured from the State Department of Revenue Administration.

State statutes require balanced budgets, but provide for the use of beginning unreserved fund balance to achieve that end. In 1994-95, $230,390 of the beginning General Fund fund balance was applied for this purpose.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and continuing appropriations (certain projects and specific items not fully expended at year end) are recognized, is employed in the governmental funds. Encumbrances are not the equivalent of expenditures and are therefore reported as part of the fund balance at June 30 and are carried forward to supplement appropriations of the subsequent year.

Reconciliation of Town Budget to GAAP Basis of Accounting

The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (GAAP Basis) present comparisons of the legally adopted budget as adjusted to present the budget on the GAAP basis with actual data on a GAAP basis. Since accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ from those used to present financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), reconciliations of the excesses (deficiencies) of revenue and other sources of financial resources over (under) expenditures and other uses of financial resources for the year ended June 30, 1995 were required as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
Appropriations		
Budgetary Basis -		
Legally Adopted Budget		
Municipal	$ 4,123,683	$ 1,072,392
School	4,249,019	
County	599,100	
Total Appropriations	$ 8,971,802	$ 1,072,392
Adjustments to Restate Budget to GAAP Basis		
Carryover Appropriations		
Reserve for Encumbrances		
Beginning of period	$ 195,979	$
End of period	(123,599)	
Total Adjustments	72,380	
Total Appropriations - GAAP Basis	$ 9,044,182	$ 1,072,392

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Cash and Investments

The Town Treasurer is required by State statute to have custody of all monies belonging to the Town and shall pay out the same only upon orders of the Town Manager. The Town Treasurer shall deposit all such monies in solvent banks in the state or in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22. Funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver to the state treasurer as collateral security for such deposits in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case.

Whenever the Town Treasurer has an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, State statutes require the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to invest the same in obligations of the United States government, in savings bank deposits of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in certificates of deposits of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in national banks located within this state or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or monies for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

For financial reporting purposes, cash and equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and money market funds, as well as certificates of deposit and short-term investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

The Town is authorized by State statute to invest Trust Funds, except Capital Reserve Funds, in obligations of political subdivisions and stocks and bonds that are legal for investment by New Hampshire savings banks. Capital Reserve Funds must be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with other funds. Capital Reserve Funds shall be invested only by deposit in some savings bank or in the savings department of a national bank or trust company, or in the share of a cooperative bank, building and loan association, or federal savings and loan association, in this state, or in bonds, notes or other obligations of the United States government, or in bonds or notes of this state, or in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22.

Investments are stated at cost or, in the case of donated investments, at the market value of the date of bequest or receipt.

Receivables

Revenues for the most part are recorded when received, except for the following items for which receivables have been recorded:

a. Tax revenue is recorded when a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector. However, a reserve has been recorded in the amount of $172,071 representing future potential abatements of the current and prior years' tax levies.

 The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P70 - *Property Taxes*, requires that if property taxes are not collected within 60 days after year end, the revenue is not considered an "available spendable resource" and should be deferred. An exception to the general "available 60 day" rule is allowed in unusual circumstances. The practice of recording the property tax revenue when levied is widely recognized as being generally accepted as the prevalent practice in New Hampshire, and the Town believes that such practice is a knowledgeable application of the GASB Codification Section P70 exception, and therefore Level 4 GAAP compliance may be reached. The 1995 first half levy, which was committed in 1994-95, has been deferred.

 As prescribed by law, the Tax Collector places a lien on properties for all uncollected property taxes in the following year after taxes are due. The lien on these properties has priority over other liens and accrues interest at 18% per annum.

 If property is not redeemed within the 2-year redemption period, the property is tax-deeded to the Town.

b. Interest on investments is recorded as revenue in the year earned.

c. Certain grants received from other governments require that eligible expenditures be made in order to earn the grant. Revenue for these grants is recorded for the period in which eligible expenditures are made.

d. Various service charges (ambulance, water, sewer) are recorded as revenue for the period when service was provided. The receivables for such services are shown on the balance sheet net of an allowance for estimated uncollectibles.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of normal operations, the Town has transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services and fund capital outlay. The accompanying governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements reflect such transactions as transfers. To the extent that certain transactions have not been paid or received as of June 30, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded.

Inventories

Inventory in the General and Special Revenue Funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost thereof has been recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items were purchased. The Airport Operating Fund inventory is stated at lower of cost or market, with cost determined by the first-in, first-out method.

Fixed Assets

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All Proprietary Funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus.

This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increase (revenues) and decreased (expenses) in net total assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Years
Buildings	20 - 40
Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	5 - 20
Other Improvements	40

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

Deferred Revenue

The government reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenue arises when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenue also arises when resources are received by the government before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Long-Term Liabilities

General Obligation Debt - General obligation bonds, notes, capital leases, and other forms of long-term debt supported by general revenues are obligations of the Town as a whole. Accordingly, such unmatured obligations of the Town are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Group of Accounts.

Compensated Absences - Employees may accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vested benefits, which will be paid to employees upon separation from the Town's service. In Governmental Fund Types and Fiduciary Fund Types, the cost of vested benefits paid or expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported as an expenditure and fund liability of the fund. Amounts of vested or accumulated leave benefits that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the general long-term debt account group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts. In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive benefits.

Fund Equity

The portion of fund balance which has been legally segregated for a specific future use, or which indicates that a portion is not appropriable for expenditures, is shown as reserved. The following reserves were used by the Town during the year:

Reserved for Endowments - represents the principal balance of Nonexpendable Trust Funds which must be held for investment purposes only.

Reserved for Encumbrances - is used to account for open purchase orders, contracts and other commitments at year end for which goods and services have not been received.

Reserved for Inventory - represents inventory which, under the purchases method, does not represent expendable available resources, even though it is a component of net current assets.

Reserved for Tax Deeded Property - represents properties for which the Town took a deed through the tax lien process and which are expected to sell in the near future.

Reserved for Special Purposes - is used to account for the unencumbered balance of restricted funds. These include the uncommitted balances of bond proceeds, the Town's Expendable Trust Funds, and the income portion of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

NOTE 2 - ASSETS

A. Cash and Equivalents

At year end, the Town's cash deposits categorized according to risk assumed were as follows:

Category 1 Includes deposits that are insured (Federal Depository Insurance).

Category 2 Includes deposits that are uninsured, but are collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, its trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category 3 Includes deposits that are uninsured and uncollateralized.

	Category			Total	
	1	2	3	Bank Balance	Carrying Value
Cash					
Bank Deposits	$ 618,643	$ -0-	$ 4,397,628	$ 5,016,271	$ 4,007,222

B. Investments

Investments made by the Town are summarized below. The investments that are represented by specific identifiable investment securities are classified as to credit risk into three categories as follows:

Category 1 Includes investments that are insured or registered, for which the securities are held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

Category 2 Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the Town, broker, counter party's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category 3 Includes uninsured and unregistered investments, for which the securities are held by the broker, counter party, counter party's trust department, or agent, but not in the Town's name.

Most of the Town's investments are under the management of Charter Trust Company, who is the Town's agent for these funds. These investments are designated as Category 3 because they are held by an agent of the bank but not in the Town's name.

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Carrying Amount	Market Value
US Government Obligations	$	$	$ 164,814	$ 164,814	$ 165,284
Corporate Bonds	5,600		29,900	35,500	33,886
Common Stocks			63,766	63,766	79,206
	$ 5,600	$ -0-	$ 258,480	$ 264,080	$ 278,376
Mutual Funds				190,063	258,017
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool				1,614	1,614
Total Investments				$ 455,757	$ 538,007

C. Property Taxes

The property tax year is from April 1 to March 31 and all property taxes are assessed on the inventory taken in April of that year.

The Town subscribes to the semi-annual method of tax collection as provided for by RSA 76:15-a. Under this method, tax bills are sent on or around June 1 and November 1 of each year, with interest accruing at a rate of 12% on bills outstanding for more than 30 days.

The June 1 billing is considered an estimate only and is one half of the previous year's tax billing. The remaining balance of taxes due is billed in the fall after the State Department of Revenue Administration has calculated and approved the Town's tax rate for the fiscal year.

In connection with the setting of the tax rate, the Town Officials establish and raise through taxation an amount for abatements and refunds of property and resident taxes, known as overlay. This amount is reported as a reduction in tax revenue and is adjusted by management for any tax reserves at year end. The property taxes collected by the Town include taxes levied for the Newport School District and Sullivan County, which are remitted to these governmental units as required by law. The ultimate responsibility for the collection of taxes rests with the Town.

The tax rate for the year ended June 30, 1995, was as follows:

Municipal Portion	$ 9.72
School Tax Assessment	16.18
County Tax Assessment	2.30
Total	$ 28.20

As prescribed by law, within 18 months of the date assessed, the Tax Collector places a lien on properties for all uncollected property taxes in the following year after taxes are due. The lien on these properties has priority over other liens and accrues interest at 18% per annum. If property is not redeemed within the 2-year redemption period, the property is tax-deeded to the Town.

During the current fiscal year, the Tax Collector on March 29 placed a lien for all uncollected 1994 property taxes.

Taxes receivable at June 30, 1995, are as follows:

Property Taxes	
Levy of 1995	$ 1,436,017
Unredeemed Taxes (under tax lien)	
Levy of 1994	542,577
Levy of 1993	356,524
Levy of 1992	28,289
Levy of 1991	19,866
Levy of 1990	26,627
Levy of 1989	1,420
Levy of 1988	1,385
Resident Taxes	29,070
Yield Taxes	2,817
Less: Reserve for estimated uncollectible taxes	(172,071)
Total Taxes Receivable	$ 2,272,521

D. Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 1995, including the reserve for uncollectible amounts are as follows:

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Total
Receivables						
Interest	$	$	$	$	$ 3,450	$ 3,450
Accounts	48,669	81,287	58,965	398,511		587,432
Intergovernmental	30,183	62,549		1,403,686		1,496,418
Other	917				75,699	76,616
Allowance for Uncollectible Amounts	(32,834)					(32,834)
Net Total Receivables	$ 46,935	$ 143,836	$ 58,965	$ 1,802,197	$ 79,149	$ 2,131,082

E. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 1995, are as follows:

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	$ 222,617	$ 94,831
Special Revenue Funds		
Richards Free Library		132
Airport Operating	2,647	4,507
Conservation Commission	2,000	4,745
Community Development		
North Main Target Area		10,728
Green Road Rehabilitation	24,100	36,682
Pleasant Street	353,815	4,499
Ambulance Donations		1,366
Water Feasibility Study		1,044
Capital Projects Fund		
Corbin Covered Bridge	464	55,829
Enterprise Funds		
Water Department	13,186	133,745
Sewer Department	16,240	233,889
Trust Funds		
Expendable		
Town	46,907	
Capital Reserve		78,677
Nonexpendable		
Town		21,302
Totals	$ 681,976	$ 681,976

F. Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of Proprietary Fund Type Fixed Assets at June 30, 1995:

	Water Department	Sewer Department	Total Enterprise Funds
Land	$ 16,455	$ 356,163	$ 372,618
Buildings	1,763,541	4,505,892	6,269,433
Improvements Other than Buildings	480,575	875,743	1,356,318
Machinery and Equipment	273,047	195,582	468,629
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(298,080)	(882,841)	(1,180,921)
Net Fixed Assets	$ 2,235,538	$ 5,050,539	$ 7,286,077

NOTE 3 - LIABILITIES

A. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at June 30, 1995, consists of property taxes and other revenue collected or levied in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply, as follows:

1995 Property Taxes Due for 1995-96		
Uncollected at Year End		$ 3,501,358
Other Deferred Revenue		$ 5,817
Special Revenue Fund		
Community Development - Green Road		20,363
Enterprise Funds		
Water Department	$ 373	
Sewer Department	296	
Total Enterprise Funds		669
Total Other Deferred Revenue		$ 26,849

B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description and Provisions

Some full-time employees participate in the State of New Hampshire Retirement System (the System), a multiple-employer cost-sharing public employee retirement system (PERS). The payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended June 30, 1995, was $1,616,441; the Town's total payroll was $1,923,756.

All full-time employees are eligible to participate in the System. The System is divided into two employee groups; **Group I** - teachers and all other employees except firefighters and police officers, and **Group II** - firefighters and police officers.

Group I Employees who retire at age 60 are entitled to retirement benefits equal to 1.667%, or 1.515% for retirement at age 65, of the average of their three highest-paid years of compensation, multiplied by their years of creditable service. Earlier retirement allowances at reduced rates are available after age 45 with 10 years of service. Benefits fully vest upon reaching 10 years of service or attaining age 60.

Group II Employees who are age 60 or who are at least age 45 with at least 20 years of creditable service, are entitled to retirement benefits equal to 2.5% of the average of their three highest-paid years of service, multiplied by their years of service, not to exceed 40. The vesting requirements are the same as Group I.

The System also provides death and disability benefits, and cost-of-living increases have been periodically granted to retirees by the State Legislature.

Description of Funding Policy

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. By State statute, Group I employees are required to contribute 5% of earnable compensation. Group II employees are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. The Town must contribute the remaining amounts necessary to pay benefits when due. The contribution requirement for the year ended June 30, 1995, was as follows:

Town's Portion	$ 56,129
Employees' Portion	108,081
Total	$ 164,210

The amount shown as "pension benefit obligation" in the System's financial statements is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. and make comparisons among PERS and employers. The System does not make separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employers. The pension benefit obligation at June 30, 1994, for the System as a whole, determined through an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 1993, was $1,954,158,402. The System's net assets available for benefits on June 30, 1994, (valued at market) were $1,897,588,132. The System holds none of the Town's securities.

Trend Information

Historical trend information showing the System's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is available for only eight years and is presented in the System's June 30, 1994 annual financial report (the latest year available).

C. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Town offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all employees, permits the employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The plan assets and a corresponding liability to employees for deferred compensation is recorded in an agency fund. Plan assets are reported at fair market value.

The plan is administered by an independent company, and the Town remits all compensation deferred to this administrator for investment as requested by the participant employees. All compensation deferred and funded under the plan, all investments purchased and all income attributable thereto are solely the property and rights of the Town (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary), subject only to the claims of the Town's general creditors. Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those of general creditors of the Town in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant.

It is the opinion of Management that the Town has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The Town believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

D. Operating Leases

The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as operating leases. Operating leases do not give rise to property rights and therefore the results of the lease agreements are not reflected in the Town's Account Groups.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 1995:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
1996	$1,880

E. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1995:

	General Obligation Debt Payable	Capital Leases Payable	Compensated Absences Payable	Total
General Long-Term Debt Account Group				
Balance, Beginning of Year	$ 1,475,000	$	$ 24,333	$ 1,499.333
Issued	65,615	57,550		123,165
Retired	(280,000)	(20,495)		(300,495)
Net increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable			(20,567)	(20,567)
Balance, End of Year	$ 1,260,615	$ 37,055	$ 3,766	$ 1,301,436
Enterprise Funds				
Water Department				
Balance, Beginning of Year	$ 1,013,793	$	$	$ 1,013,793
Retired	(36,207)			(36,207)
Balance, End of Year	977,586			977,586
Sewer Department				
Balance, Beginning of Year	$ 1,855,000	$	$	$ 1,855,000
Retired	(130,000)			(130,000)
Balance, End of Year	1,725,000			1,725,000
Total Enterprise Funds	2,702,586			2,702,586
Total Account Group and Enterprise Funds	$ 3,963,201	$ 37,055	$ 3,766	$ 4,004,022

Long-term debt payable at June 30, 1995, is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 6/30/95
General Long-Term Debt Account Group					
General Obligation Debt Payable					
Remodeling Bonds	$190,000	1975	1998	6.95-7.05	$ 25,000
Fiscal Year Change Bonds	$1,200,000	1990	2000	6.90	720,000
Road Construction Bonds	$1,500,000	1987	1997	Variable	450,000
Fire Pumper Truck	$65,615	1995	1995	5.0	65,615
					$ 1,260,615
Capital Lease Payable					
Police Cruisers	$57,550	1995	1997	7.0	37,055
Compensated Absences Payable					
Vested Sick Leave					$ 3,624
Accrued Vacation Leave					142
					3,766
Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group					$ 1,301,436
Enterprise Funds					
Water Department					
Water Treatment Plant Bonds	$1,050,000	1992	2022	5.5	$ 977,586
Sewer Department					
Sewer Treatment Facilities Bonds	$2,522,000	1988	2008	6.85-7.55	1,725,000
Total Enterprise Funds					2,702,586
Total Account Group and Enterprise Funds					$ 4,004,022

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 1995, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1996	$ 345,615	$ 73,992	$ 419,607
1997	280,000	54,480	334,480
1998	275,000	34,770	309,770
1999	120,000	20,700	140,700
2000	120,000	12,420	132,420
2001	120,000	4,140	124,140
Totals	$ 1,260,615	$ 200,502	$ 1,461,117

Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Leases

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Capital Leases		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1996	$ 17,901	$ 2,594	$ 20,495
1997	19,154	1,341	20,495
Totals	$ 37,055	$ 3,935	$ 40,990

Annual Requirements To Amortize Enterprise Fund Debt

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Enterprise Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1996	$ 161,207	$ 173,026	$ 334,233
1997	161,207	162,404	323,611
1998	161,207	151,762	312,969
1999	161,207	140,829	302,036
2000	161,207	130,646	291,853
2001-2022	1,896,551	866,347	2,762,898
Totals	$ 2,702,586	$ 1,625,014	$ 4,327,600

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. Enterprise Fund debt will be funded through user fees. All other debt will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

The lease-purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation funding clause whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the lease shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

NOTE 4 - FUND EQUITY

A. Reservations of Fund Balances

Reserve for Encumbrances

Funds encumbered at year end were as follows:

General Fund (Schedule A-2)	$ 123,599

Reserved for Special Purposes

In the Special Revenue Funds, the $54,794 reserve for special purposes represents monies committed to the Newport ECON.

In the Capital Projects Funds, the reserve for special purposes represents the unexpended and unobligated balance of bond funds or the interest earned thereon. These funds can only be used for the bonded purposes or, in the case of interest earned, for the repayment of such debt if not subsequently reappropriated for another purpose. Individual fund balances reserved for special purposes at June 30, 1995, were as follows:

Capital Projects Fund	
Sewage Treatment Plant Construction	$ 1,792

In the Trust and Agency Funds, the reserve for special purposes represents the unspent balance of the Town's Trust Funds which may be spent for the purposes specified as follows:

Nonexpendable Trust Funds (Income Balances)		
Cemetery Perpetual Care		$ 4,209
Capital Reserve Funds		
Sewer Department	$ 131,500	
Ambulance	18,934	
Cemetery Department	591	
Fire Department	1,083	
Police Department	1,065	
Opera House	11,679	
Highway Department	15,169	
Revaluation	41,696	
Water Department	29,804	
Town Office	13,144	
Recreation Department	10,434	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		275,099
General Fund Trusts (RSA 31:19-a)		
Earned Time	$ 5,000	
Salary Negotiation and Settlement	46,907	
Total General Fund Trusts		51,907
Other Expendable Town Trusts		
Library		26,821
Total		$ 358,036

Reserved for Tax Deeded Property

The $60,508 reserved for tax deeded property represents tax deeds to properties which the Town has taken through the tax lien process and expects to sell in the near future.

Reserved for Endowments

The reserved for endowments at June 30, 1995, represents the principal amount of all Nonexpendable Trust Funds which is restricted either by law or by terms of individual bequests, in that only income earned may be expended. The principal balances of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds at June 30, 1995, are detailed as follows:

Purpose	Principal
Cemetery Perpetual Care and Improvements	$ 321,737
Richards Free Library	256,754
Total	$ 578,491

Reserved for Inventory

The $3,240 reserved for inventory represents Airport Operating Fund inventory which, under the purchases method, does not represent expendable available resources, even though it is a component of net current assets.

B. Unreserved Fund Balances

Designated for Special Purposes

The amount designated for special purposes represents Special Revenue Fund balances which management intends to use in the subsequent years as follows:

Special Revenue Funds	
Richards Free Library	$ 655
Airport Operating	53,782
Conservation Commission	19,329
Community Development	
North Main Target Area Project	50,536
Guild Target Area Project	16,718
Green Road Rehabilitation	43,719
Pleasant Street	353,815
Ambulance Donations	12,258
South Main Street Revolving Loan	22,742
Total	$ 573,554

C. Changes in Contributed Capital - Enterprise Funds

Water Department Enterprise Fund

	Federal and State Grants
Balance - July 1, 1994	$ 332,500
Capital Contributed	274,239
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	(15,967)
Balance - June 30, 1995	$ 590,772

Sewer Department Enterprise Fund

Balance - July 1, 1994	$ 3,413,358
Capital Contributed	13,137
Depreciation Applied to Contributed Capital	(99,319)
Balance - June 30, 1995	$ 3,327,176

NOTE 5 - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise Funds

The Town maintains two enterprise funds which provide water and sewer. Segment information as of and for the year ended June 30, 1995, was as follows:

	Enterprise Funds		
	Water	Sewer	Total
Operating Revenues	$ 436,103	$ 518,912	$ 955,015
Depreciation Expense	79,374	146,029	225,403
Operating Income	137,038	91,642	228,680
Interfund Operating Transfers, Net	(1,668)	(15,182)	(16,850)
Net Income or Loss	136,940	57,529	194,469
Current Capital Contributions	274,239	13,137	287,376
Property, Plant, and Equipment Additions	137,316	234,057	371,373
Net Working Capital	717,643	595,156	1,312,799
Total Assets	3,349,703	6,911,772	10,261,475
Bonds and Other Long-Term Liabilities Payable from Operating Revenues	977,586	1,725,000	2,702,586
Total Equity	2,235,029	4,944,851	7,179,880

NOTE 6 - DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

There are various claims and suits pending against the Town which arise in the normal course of the Town's activities. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these various claims and suits will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Town.

B. Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the Federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Newport
Newport, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1995, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated September 21, 1995.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Newport is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newport for the year ended June 30, 1995, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We also noted other matters involving the internal control structure and its operation or opportunities for better efficiency and/or cost savings that we have discussed with management or specific individuals involved. These matters include the following:

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

During our audit of the Library Trust Funds, additional time was incurred in reconciling the Trust Funds due to incomplete records. Also, in order to complete the audit, we had to wait months before all of the information was received from the Library Trustees.

We recommend that all the Trustees' accounts be reconciled on a timely basis and completed before the audit commences. In addition, all documents required should be provided when the audit commences.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS (WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FUNDS) (Repeat Recommendation)

Inventory is not recorded in the General Fund, which is common accounting practice for municipalities in the State. However, the Enterprise Funds (Water and Sewer Departments) should record the expense for inventories when the inventory is consumed rather than when it is purchased, similar to commercial accounting. We do not know the materiality of the inventory in these funds. We recommend that the accounting procedures be reviewed to determine the feasibility of establishing basic inventory records.

FIXED ASSETS RECORDS AND CONTROLS (Repeat Recommendation)

All fixed asset acquisitions are listed as expenditures in the General Fund. This procedure is standard in municipalities. However, these fixed assets should be accounted for in a separate self-balancing group of accounts. The purpose of recording general fixed assets is primarily to provide for physical and dollar value control for stewardship needs. In addition, by maintaining fixed assets records, the Town will realize several benefits:

1. Fixed assets can be inventoried periodically to ensure that they are properly controlled.

2. Responsibility for custody and effective use of fixed assets can be clearly established.

3. Records will be readily available to substantiate the amount of grants used to finance expenditures for fixed assets. Furthermore, the determination of costs for building or equipment use is facilitated. The latter is important to obtain reimbursement for the use of buildings and equipment in federal and state aid programs.

4. Information is readily available to determine insurance needs and to substantiate losses recoverable from insurance.

5. Information is available for the preparation of a Statement of General Fixed Assets.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Town. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.



September 21, 1995

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

Finance Department
1995 Annual Report

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Once again, the Finance Department had some substantial changes. The year 1995 brought about three major changes; the first change was the creation of the Buildings Manager position, which replaced the position of Town Office/Town Hall custodian. The new position is responsible for janitorial services, maintenance and repairs of most of the Town owned buildings, and has centralized the custodial services for various Town buildings. This consolidation should result in improved efficiency and cost savings through central purchasing of supplies. Also, this position is taking a proactive approach to the appearance and maintenance of Town buildings.

The second change was the privatization of welfare administration, in which we laid off the full-time Welfare Director and contracted with the Family Services Bureau. The effect on the Finance Department was primarily the loss of a full-time person who assumed various clerical duties on top of the welfare responsibilities. Currently, these duties have been shifted to other employees.

The third change was the replacement of the old computer hardware. In July, the old system was removed and donated to the School District and new computers were installed. While there is still some "fine tuning" to be done, the system is operational and has shown to be a great improvement to overall departmental operations. The new system has allowed us to provide access to the network for other departments and purposes. Currently, the Town Clerk has been added to the system, as well as the addition of the assessing public access terminal in the Town Office lobby. Future access is planned for the Office of Planning and Zoning and the Town Managers office.

From a financial standpoint, the Town is in very strong position, with adequate cash balances, and moderate uncollected taxes. Current revenues and expenditures should be within budget. The budget for next year, including the Police facility, has increased expenditures which are partly offset be increase revenues, resulting in a slight tax increase. Goals for the upcoming year include the fine tuning and staff training for the computer system, and further development of a central purchasing system for office supplies and other consumable goods.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and dedication, as well as their patience during the computer conversion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND:		
Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$1,642,139.74
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	$8,054,119.27	
Town Clerk	506,127.09	
Selectmen	2,429,753.34	
Bond Proceeds	65,615.00	
Interest	38,701.09	
		11,094,315.79
Transfers:		
Corbin Bridge Capital Projects Fund	266,606.70	
Green Road Capital Projects Fund	256,110.00	
		522,716.70
Disbursements		(11,247,629.17)
Ending Balance – June 30, 1995		$2,011,543.06
Checking – Operating		$106,280.47
Checking – Payroll		3,328.91
Savings – Pooled		1,900,319.49
Savings – NHPDIP		1,614.19
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$2,011,543.06
EMERGENCY SHELTER FUND:		
Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$2,117.93
Interest		10.81
Disbursements		(2,128.74)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$0.00
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$65,773.38
Receipts:		
Loan Repayments	$6,445.00	
Interest	2,098.38	
		8,543.38
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$74,316.76
CORBIN BRIDGE FUND:		
Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$262,857.47
Interest		3,749.23
Transfer to General Fund		(266,606.70)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		($0.00)

CORBIN ROAD TREE FUND:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994	$793.05
Interest	21.39
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995	$814.44

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994	$16,550.69
Interest	218.25
Transfer to General Fund	(254.00)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995	$16,514.94
Checking	$12,871.81
Certificate of Deposit	3,643.13
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995	$16,514.94

GREEN ROAD TARGET AREA FUNDS:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$446,453.82
Receipts:		
CDBG Grant	$178,479.00	
Loan Repayments	24,716.88	
Interest	8,242.74	
		211,438.62
Disbursements		(505,451.75)
Ending Balance – June 30, 1995		$152,440.69
Checking – Rehabiliation		$12,121.99
Savings – Construction/Admin		112,782.62
Savings – Construction Escrow		27,536.08
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$152,440.69

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$53,069.13
Receipts:		
CDBG Grant	$60,010.75	
Loan Repayments	2,562.30	
Interest	140.85	
		62,713.90
Disbursements		(115,783.03)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$0.00

AIRPORT FUND:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$50,319.29
Receipts:		
Charges for Service	$17,056.47	
Interest	1,342.34	
		18,398.81
Disbursements		(15,876.16)
Ending Balance – June 30, 1995		$52,841.94
Checking		$6,265.20
Certificate of Deposit		46,576.74
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$52,841.94

AMBULANCE FUND:

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$6,551.08
Receipts:		
Donations	$14,572.00	
Interest	350.92	
		14,922.92
Disbursements		(7,850.36)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$13,623.64

WATER FUND:

OPERATING

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$437,114.86
Receipts:		
User fees	$472,198.60	
Interest	20,388.67	
		492,587.27
Disbursements		(357,146.30)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$572,555.83
Checking		$10,961.10
Savings – Pooled		261,594.73
Certificate of Deposit		300,000.00
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$572,555.83

ACCESS FEES

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$33,692.74
Receipts:		
Access Fees	$4,667.50	
Interest	1,759.89	
		6,427.39
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$40,120.13

SEWER FUND:

OPERATING

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$352,860.66
Receipts:		
User fees	$538,861.69	
State Aid	164,888.00	
Interest	15,546.10	
		719,295.79
Disbursements		(593,214.33)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$478,942.12
Checking		$12,596.90
Savings – Pooled		266,345.22
Certificate of Deposit		200,000.00
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$478,942.12

STP CONSTRUCTION

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994	$10,437.35
Interest	56.24
Disbursements	(8,702.00)
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995	$1,791.59

ACCESS FEES

Beginning Balance – July 1, 1994		$41,152.91
Receipts:		
Access Fees	$2,761.25	
Interest	2,062.10	
		4,823.35
Cash on Hand – June 30, 1995		$45,976.26

FORM MS-9

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

City/Town NEWPORT

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 19 _____

or

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 19 95

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date AUGUST 31 19 95

Trustees of TRUST FUNDS

(Please sign in ink and also print/type clearly)

When To File: (R.S.A. 21-J:18)

1. For Towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be on file on or before March 1st.
2. For Towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (FY ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1st.

Where To File:

ONE COPY TO:
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 SOUTH SPRING STREET — P.O. BOX 457
CONCORD, N.H. 03302-0457

ONE COPY TO:
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
CHARITABLE TRUST DIVISION
STATE HOUSE ANNEX
CONCORD, N.H. 03301-6397

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

JULY 1, 1994 to JUNE 30, 1995

		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL
Creation	Name	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Principal & Income
1972	Fire Department	30,000.00			30,000.00	3,975.02	1,108.18		5,083.20	35,083.20
1974	Ambulance	8,000.00	7,500.00		15,500.00	2,655.95	778.43		3,434.38	18,934.38
1984	Highway Department	15,000.00	15,000.00		30,000.00	1,860.43	1,308.40		3,168.83	33,168.83
1984	Property Reappraisal	30,000.00	5,000.00		35,000.00	4,617.87	2,078.61		6,696.48	41,696.48
1989	Cemetery Department	0.00			0.00	559.63	31.71		591.34	591.34
1989	Sewer Department	99,000.00	20,000.00		119,000.00	17,047.98	7,044.35		24,092.33	143,092.33
1989	Police Department	0.00			0.00	1,008.17	57.11		1,065.28	1,065.28
1990	Water Department	29,000.00	5,000.00		34,000.00	5,333.40	2,062.48		7,395.88	41,395.88
1991	Opera House	10,000.00			10,000.00	1,052.91	626.04		1,678.95	11,678.95
1992	Town Office Computers	11,000.00	4,500.00		15,500.00	385.25	748.93		1,134.18	16,634.18
1993	Recreation Department	5,000.00	5,000.00		10,000.00	112.84	321.34		434.18	10,434.18
1995	Earned Time	0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00			0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		$237,000.00	$67,000.00	$0.00	$304,000.00	$38,609.45	$16,165.58	$0.00	$54,775.03	$358,775.03

Tax Department
1995 Annual Report

Tax Collector
Daniel P. O'Neill

Senior Deputy Tax Collector
Elaine Van Dusen

Deputy Tax Collector
Kaara K. Gonyo

1995 has brought a few changes to the Tax Department. In July, we converted to a new computer hardware system which enables us to service you, the taxpayers, more quickly and efficiently than our old system. Thank you to all of the residents who passed this article at Town Meeting; it has been very beneficial to our department.

Both deputies are now certified tax collectors in the State of New Hampshire. We will be attending required re-certification sessions to maintain this status and keep our department updated on recent legislature that affects the taxpayers.

As coordinators for the Sullivan County tax collectors, we held the annual meeting on February 14, 1996. The meeting was hosted by the Unity Tax Collector at the Unity Town Hall. All in attendance enjoyed a discussion on collection procedures followed by a tax program computer demonstration.

REMEMBER 1995 is the last year that the Resident's Tax will be collected in Newport. It was voted at the last Town Meeting to no longer assess this tax. However, we will continue to ask for the 1995s until they have all been collected.

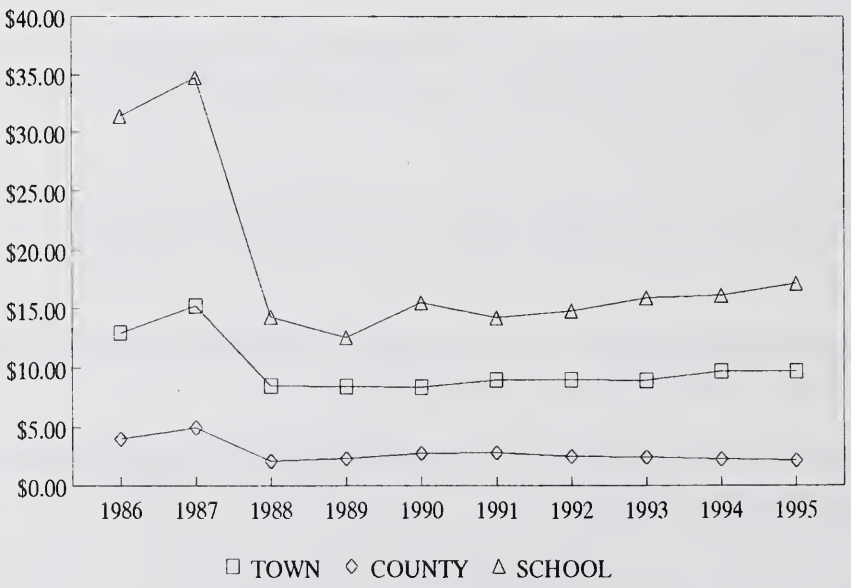
Collections continue to remain steady this year with indications of more taxpayer refinancing and escrowing for their tax payments. Print statements of your account are available upon request.

A reminder that the bulletin board at the Tax window has a calendar of dates and events listed on it that is kept up to date for taxpayer convenience.

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation with the Tax Department. We look forward to serving you again this year.

TEN YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON
1986 – 1995

	School Rate	% of Total Rate	Town Rate	% of Total Rate	County Rate	% of Total Rate	Total Rate
1986	31.43	64.8%	13.03	26.9%	4.04	8.3%	48.50
1987	34.76	63.1%	15.32	27.8%	4.97	9.0%	55.05
1988	14.33	57.4%	8.49	34.0%	2.14	8.6%	24.96
1989	12.62	53.9%	8.44	36.1%	2.34	10.0%	23.40
1990	15.59	58.3%	8.38	31.3%	2.79	10.4%	26.76
1991	14.31	54.7%	9.00	34.4%	2.86	10.9%	26.17
1992	14.84	56.3%	8.99	34.1%	2.54	9.6%	26.37
1993	15.98	58.3%	8.96	32.7%	2.46	9.0%	27.40
1994	16.18	57.4%	9.72	34.5%	2.30	8.2%	28.20
1995	17.18	59.0%	9.70	33.3%	2.22	7.6%	29.10



Downward trend in 1988 is the result of the Town revaluation.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	1995	1994	Prior
Uncollected Taxes – July 1, 1994:			
Property Taxes		$1,308,994.48	
Resident Taxes		28,480.00	$20.00
Yield Taxes			910.06
Elderly & Disability Liens			9,909.74
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$3,505,554.00	3,556,305.48	
Resident Taxes	37,810.00	4,000.00	
Land Use Change Taxes		160.00	
Yield Taxes		26,449.24	
Elderly & Disability Liens		926.77	
Prepaid Property Taxes	458.13		
Overpayments		50.00	
Interest and Costs – All Taxes		74,551.41	288.94
Resident Tax Penalties	1.00	487.00	2.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$3,543,823.13	$5,000,404.38	$11,130.74
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	$2,062,141.52	$4,854,756.77	
Resident Taxes	12,630.00	20,480.00	$20.00
Land Use Change Taxes		160.00	
Yield Taxes		23,632.74	910.06
Elderly & Disability Liens			3,048.71
Interest and Costs		74,551.41	288.94
Resident Tax Penalties	1.00	487.00	2.00
Prepaid Property Taxes	3,200.03	5,706.99	
Abatements:			
Property Taxes	4,654.00	4,836.20	
Resident Taxes		8,160.00	
Uncollected Taxes – June 30, 1995:			
Property Taxes	1,436,016.58		
Resident Taxes	25,180.00	3,890.00	
Land Use Change Taxes			
Yield Taxes		2,816.50	
Elderly & Disability Liens		926.77	6,861.03
TOTAL CREDITS	$3,543,823.13	$5,000,404.38	$11,130.74

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT OF UNREDEEMED TAXES

	1995	1994	Prior
Unredeemed Taxes – July 1, 1994		$642,477.78	$486,232.00
Liens Executed	$660,700.83	46,398.14	
Interest and Costs	3,860.13	56,722.07	127,993.24
TOTAL DEBITS	$664,560.96	$745,597.99	$614,225.24
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$101,350.29	$308,138.42	$394,047.95
Interest and Costs	3,860.13	56,722.07	127,993.24
Abatements	549.90		
Deeded to Town	17,150.15	25,091.70	20,579.05
Unredeemed Taxes – June 30, 1995	541,650.49	355,645.80	71,605.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$664,560.96	$745,597.99	$614,225.24

PROPERTY TAX LIEN HISTORY

Year of Tax Levy	Total Tax Committed *	% of Taxes Uncollected	# of Liens
1986	3,992,685	5%	250
1987	4,673,101	6%	256
1988	5,761,466	8%	341
1989	5,659,500	12%	449
1990	6,544,132	16%	593
1991	6,383,897	16%	549
1992	6,445,399	15%	513
1993	6,709,059	13%	458
1994	6,928,514	9%	343
1995	7,236,995	9%	334

Assessing Department
1995 Annual Report

George Hildum III, Assessor Tara Kavanagh, Assessing Clerk

Looking back on 1995, the Assessing staff is pleased to report on a major improvement to the everyday operation of the Assessing Department. In September 1995 a computer was installed in the lobby area of the Town Office for use by the public. The computer contains the assessing data for all properties located in the Town of Newport and has replaced the alphabetically-sorted three-ring binders which previously stored the Town's 3,023 property record cards. Assessing data can be obtained from the computer in three different ways. All you need to know is an owner's name, or the physical location of the property, or the map/lot number. We have created a manual to assist people with the proper use of the computer. One of the first user's was our very own Town Manager who found the system to be "user friendly." Feedback from the public has been positive. We invite you to come in and try the computer.

With the assistance of the Tax Department staff, the Assessing Department has undertaken the project of updating the town's tax maps. The maps need to be updated periodically to reflect changes due to subdivision, annexaction, boundary line adjustment, road name changes, etc. If you have recent survey data, please bring a copy to the Assessing Department as this information will afford us greater accuracy in determining property boundary lines and acreage figures. We look forward to updating you on our progress with this project in next year's report.

1995 also was a year of state-mandated change to filing dates for some of the assessment-related applications. One such filing deadline that was revised was the Taxpayer's Abatement Application. The revised deadline for filing an abatement application for 1996 property tax (with notice of tax date prior to December 31st) is March 1st (following date of notice of tax). We urge residents to check the bulletin board located at the Tax Department window for more information concerning the timely filing deadlines.

We wish to remind the public that the Assessor for the Town of Newport holds office hours two days per month. To schedule an appointment with the assessor, call the Assessing Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon. Please contact us with any property related questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you in the future.

As always, the Assessing Department wishes to thank all the taxpayers for their continued feedback, support and assistance in keeping the Town's appraisal records accurate.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

PRELIMINARY 1996 NET TAXABLE VALUATION

	1996 Preliminary Valuation *	% of Total Valuation
Current Use Property	$1,900,502	0.759%
Residential:		
Property	43,434,000	17.335%
Buildings	131,796,700	52.602%
Total Residential	175,230,700	69.937%
Commercial/Industrial:		
Property	12,927,100	5.159%
Buildings	58,549,700	23.368%
Total Commercial/Industrial	71,476,800	28.527%
Utilities:		
Property	217,100	0.087%
Buildings	4,092,800	1.633%
Total Utilities	4,309,900	1.720%
Less: Blind/Elderly Exempt Property Included Above	(2,362,300)	−0.943%
Net Taxable Valuation	**$250,555,602**	
Tax Exempt:		
Property	$4,092,300	1.633%
Buildings	23,636,200	9.434%
Total Tax Exempt	$27,728,500	11.067%

* Adjustments anticipated prior to setting tax rate.

COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR VALUATION

	1995 Final Valuation	1996 Preliminary Valuation	Change
Current Use	$1,900,515	$1,900,502	−0.001%
Residential	174,953,500	175,230,700	0.158%
Commercial/Industrial	71,476,800	71,476,800	0.000%
Utilities	4,309,900	4,309,900	0.000%
Exemptions	(2,442,600)	(2,362,300)	−3.287%
Net Taxable Valuation	$250,198,115	$250,555,602	0.143%
Tax Exempt	$27,728,500	$27,728,500	0.000%

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Location	Map/Lot	Purpose/Use	Valuation
Cemetery Street	0019–2012	Cemetery	73,700
North Newport	0020–0056	Vacant	34,900
8 Airport Road	0020–2364	Airport	493,400
Sugar River	0020–2471	Vacant	31,300
Sugar River	0025–001	Vacant	9,700
Old Hurd	0025–2367	Vacant/Gravel Pit	30,100
Summer Street	0027–0131	Vacant/Conservation Easement	7,043
North Main	0027–0170	Vacant	28,300
365 North Main	0027–0443	Vacant	36,400
268 North Main	0027–1583	Vacant	107,200
North Main	0027–1753	Vacant	37,700
Off Rte 10	0027–1832	Vacant/Stp Easement	1,404
North Main Street	0027–2121	Vacant/Stp Easement	51,200
North Main Street	0027–2121–2	Stp Lagoons	252,200
Summer Street	0027–2365	Water Tower	54,500
Putnam Road	0028–2468	Sewer Treatment Plant	1,726,100
Spruce Street	0029–0861	Vacant	500
Cheney Extension	0029–2470	Wilmarth Park	64,400
428 Sunapee Street	0031–2502	Pine Grove Cemetery	63,900
Sunapee Street	0031–2505	Cemetery	24,900
Sunapee Street	0032–2508	Vacant	20,400
Sugar River	0033–1113	Waste Treatment Lagoons	167,100
Sunapee Street	0034–2518	Pump House	2,800
Sugar River	0036–1523	Vacant	105,500
Sunapee Street	0036–1635–1	Pump House	30,100
Sugar River	0037–2410	Vacant	3,200
Endicott Road	0040–0677–5	Tax Deeded Property	11,200
65 Belknap Street	0042–1268	Recreation Building	236,000
Court Street	0042–1576–1	Vacant	300
North Main Street	0043–0506	Town Common	83,500
40 Pine Street	0044–0084	Vacant	21,400
Pine Street	0044–0112	Vacant	22,600
Meadow Road	0045–0027	Vacant	27,200
Elm Street	0045–0121	Vacant	60,700
Mechanic Street Rear	0045–0202	Vacant	300
20 Main Street	0045–0258	Town Hall/Opera House	1,597,400
20 Main Street	0045–0258	District Court	188,900
32 Main Street	0045–0258	Police Station	90,500
15 Sunapee Street	0045–0258	Town Office	353,200
11 Sunapee Street	0045–0258	Fire Station	227,400
59 Sunapee Street	0045–0400	Vacant	40,300
47 Central	0045–0590	Vacant	20,300
Pearl Street	0045–2022–1	Vacant	1,900
Meadow Road	0045–2509	Ambulance Building	59,600
Meadow Road	0045–2510	Vacant/Floodplain	49,700

Mechanic St Rear	0045–2511	Vacant	6,200
Various	0046–1118	Right–Of–Way	23,700
Sunapee Street	0046–2348	Pumping Station Easement	7,900
Various	0048–0325	River Right–Of–Way	200
104 Maple Street	0048–0860	Tax Deeded Property	13,100
Maple Street	0048–2498	Cemetery	43,900
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052–2427	Vacant	5,500
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052–2493	Vacant	4,900
Chandlers Mills Rd	0052–2494	Vacant	5,300
Breakneck Road	0063–1516	Vacant	68,900
449 South Main Street	0063–1735	Public Works Garage	351,500
Pollards Mills	0063–2388	Water Department	74,500
Blaisdell Road	0064–0817	Vacant	300
Unity Town Line	0066–2455	Vacant	14,100
South Main Street	0076–0544Bd/O	Pump House	2,000
Unity Road–Unity	M13F3–457	Water Treatment Plant	466,300
Unity Road–Unity	M8J8–734	Clorination Building	85,200
102 Maple Street	0048–860–1	Tax Deeded Property	45,900
Hill Street	0048–702	Tax Deeded Property	6,900
Hill Street	0048–1358	Tax Deeded Property	6,900
Bradford Road	0048–1533	Tax Deeded Property	13,500
Bradford Road	0048–1527	Tax Deeded Property	13,600
95 South Main Street	0055–630	Tax Deeded Property	27,500
24 Sunapee Street	0045–2039	Tax Deeded Property	176,700
Sunapee Street	0045–366	Tax Deeded Property	403,800

SCHEDULE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

A schedule of taxable property can be found in the 1992 Town Report. Some values may have changed. Please consult the records in the Town Office for current valuations. For your convenience we now have a computer terminal in the lobby for public access to the assessing data.

1995 Town Clerk's Annual Report

Karlene Stoddard, Town Clerk Adelaide Kozlik, Deputy Town Clerk

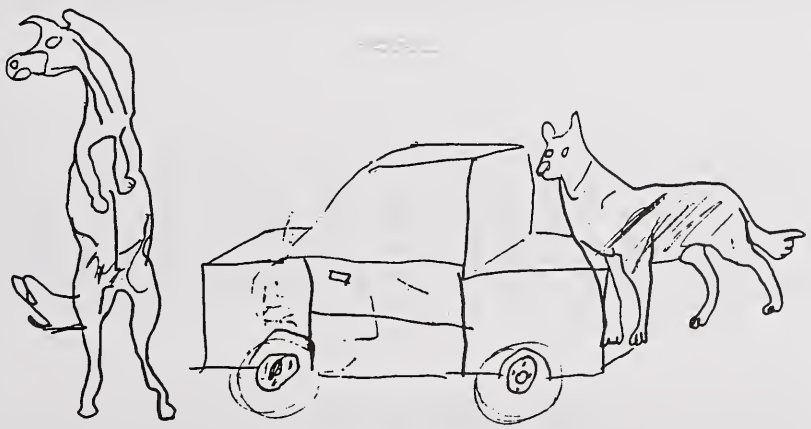
It has been a busy year for the Town Clerk's Office. In July Town Clerk Karlene Stoddard completed the Town Clerks' Certification Program and in 1996 Deputy Town Clerk Adelaide Kozlik will begin attending this program.

There have been some changes in voting procedures that should better serve the voters of New Hampshire. Election day registration is now applicable at all town and school elections. It does not apply to town and school meetings. Also, at any Primary, a change of party affiliation is permitted. Undeclared voters may declare a party and vote and may, upon leaving the polling place, change their party affiliation back to "undeclared" status by completing the card provided for that purpose. Declared voters may change party, but may not vote.

Dog licenses have almost doubled this past year. We attribute this to the fact that the state requires all veterinarians to submit copies of all rabies vaccinations for cats and dogs to the appropriate town clerks. All dogs are required to be registered when they reach three months old. Dog licenses are due May 1.

Two more of our older books have been restored this year. Both were Vital Records. We encourage the public to come in and see what an excellent job was done. Public donations are always welcome as we still have many more to restore.

As of January 15, 1996 we have started to charge a $5.00 fee to our motor vehicle customers who do not bring in their previous registration when doing a transfer. We regret the necessity of this charge but a great number of people are not bringing in the registration which causes a lot of extra work. We continue to do the state portion of the registration on vehicles under 8,000 pounds.



by Joshua Tetreault, Age 9

1995 Births Registered with the Town Clerk
Newport, New Hampshire

Date	Birth/Place	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan 18	Claremont	Tiffany Lee Walker	Harley A Walker	Deborah L Burda
Jan 27	New London	Natasha Marie Paradis	Richard A Paradis Jr	Bridget M Osgood
Feb 09	Claremont	Hillary Elaine Ingalls	Wayne S Ingalls	Karen J Farrell
Feb 15	Newport	Hannah Love Vickery	William F Vickery	Dawn M Denton
Feb 17	Lebanon	Benjamin Robert Bates	Robert A Bates	Rebecca Jo Baker
Feb 18	New London	Lawrence Michael Basher	Michael B Basher	Bonnie M Simoneau
Feb 20	Claremont	Jennifer Lynn Kidder	Tony M Kidder	Kristine M Ahern
Mar 21	Lebanon	Sarah Anne Beattie	Allen C Beattie	Diane M Phelps
Mar 24	Claremont	Kennedy Dalton Beck	Kyle Scott Beck	Kelly Marie Tomic
Mar 25	Claremont	Sharissa Marie Stout	Jeffrey Alan Stout	Belinda A Lapierre
Apr 15	Lebanon	Tiffany Nicole Cormier	Vincent S Cormier	Tina Marie Currier
Apr 16	New London	Aaron Robert Cherry	Daniel D Cherry	Sandra Lynn Demeis
Apr 20	Claremont	Samantha Allison Graham	Montriville Graham II	Joann M Lenstra
Apr 27	Lebanon	Courtney Lee Carleton	Kenneth L Carleton	Sandra L Stacy
May 03	Lebanon	Zachary Michael Holt	Michael S Holt	Laura L Clough
May 06	New London	Mary Nicole Robertson	Stephen L Robertson	Helen M Lynch
May 06	Lebanon	Kristin Lynn Martin	Keith A Martin	Vicki L Henault
Jun 19	New London	Katrina Marie Babbitt	Mark Wayne Babbitt	Sheila Ann Loring
Jun 26	New London	Dale Elliott West Jr	Dale Elliott West	Sherry A Boardman
Jun 29	Lebanon	Mary Margaret O'Brien	Michael R O'Brien	Lanie D Manguil
Jul 09	New London	Mary Gretchen Schissel	Lawrence A Schissel	Mary A Donnelly
Jul 12	New London	Jessie Rae Sanborn	Billy-Joe Sanborn	Kerry Ann Romeo
Jul 20	Claremont	Jessica Lynn Amos	Christopher Lee Amos	Cari Ann Small
Jul 22	Claremont	Lisa Linny Kung	Sakhon Kung	Sokhon Him Noun
Jul 23	New London	Natasha Ann Rich	Daniel J Rich	Andrea E Pickering

1995 Births (continued)

Jul 26	Claremont	Darien Pauline Hubert	Guenter Klaus Hubert	Kathleen Ann Begin
Jul 27	Lebanon	Cody Joshua Lavoie	Timothy A Lavoie	Julie Bedard
Jul 28	Lebanon	Joseph Thomas Repko	Roanld K Repko	Sandra Lee Hall
Aug 14	New London	Laura B P Filiault	Dennis J Filiault	Deborah F Galpin
Aug 16	New London	Michelle E Purington	Clifford E Purington	Joyce Ann Chase
Aug 25	New London	Matthew Edward Tremblay	James J Tremblay	Victoria L Brewer
Aug 31	New London	James Michael Estabrook	Philip D Estabrook III	Margot E Keigan
Aug 31	Claremont	Robert Allan Raymond	Jason A Raymond	Ann M Hathaway
Sep 02	Claremont	Tyler Ward Gaspar	Christopher M Gaspar	Brenda Lee Stone
Sep 02	New London	Kyle Louis Greene	Gene H Greene	Loretta C-P Poisson
Sep 02	Claremont	Christopher J Ayotte Jr	Christopher J Ayotte Sr	Laurel C Call
Sep 03	New London	Scott Francis Bartley	Bryan F Bartley Sr	Tammi Lynn Mead
Sep 05	Lebanon	Morgen James Mossey	Louis N Mossey	Belynda Jean Roberts
Sep 07	Claremont	Dominic Gregory Stout	Gregory E Stout	Ann Zora St Martin
Sep 21	Lebanon	Cody Randall Alan Haley	Gregory Martin Haley	Lisa Erin Shaw
Sep 23	Claremont	Trevor John Jackson	Richard S Jackson Jr	Debarsher N Gray
Oct 14	Claremont	Cale Albert Manseau	Greg Alan Manseau	Linda Jean Clayton
Oct 15	New London	Kelli Jean Reinhardt	Kurt W Rienhardt	Wendy Lee Nason
Oct 18	Lebanon	Aleesha Marie McDormand	Keith F McDormand	Evelyn M Couture
Oct 28	Lebanon	Joshua Joseph Brown	Joseph Gerald Brown	Linda May Laramie
Oct 30	New London	Samual Robert Bentley	Robert N Bentley	Melissa J Edwards
Nov 21	Claremont	Tanya Jean Hill	David Wayne Hill	Pamela Leta Tracey
Dec 07	Claremont	Nicholas J LaQuire	Sidney C LaQuire Jr	Jennifer C Harris
Dec 13	Claremont	Lindsy L Desmarais	Leon J Desmarais Sr	Nancy E Goodhue
Dec 27	Keene	Kendra Emma Johns	Jeremy Cameron Johns	Tania Sue Durgin
Dec 29	New London	Richard Bruce Hammond	Michael David Hammond	Edith Godin

1995 Marriages Registered with the Town Clerk
Newport, New Hampshire

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Jan 14	Kiley Randal Shackett	Newport	April May Willets	Newport
Feb 14	Steven Todd Haselton	Newport	Linda Jones Cossaboon	Newport
Feb 18	Walter Edward Bushway	Newport	Angela Marie Kainu	Newport
Feb 25	David Maynard Sharkey	Newport	Joyce Ann McCormick	Newport
Mar 24	Donald S Sexton III	Vineyard Haven	Iliana Ademilde Pardo	Vineyard Haven Ma
Mar 25	Michael A Wells	Newport	Carmlee A Boomhower	Newport
Apr 01	Jeremy Philip Maheu	Croydon	Wendy Ann Callum	Newport
Apr 15	Steven Bruce Benson	Newport	Sue Ann Parizo	Newport
Apr 22	Michael J Gorey	Newport	Jill S Pare	Newport
Apr 22	Adam Elliott Grauman	Newport	Christine Ann Gordon	Newport
May 12	Jeremy Cameron Johns	Newport	Tania Sue Durgin	Drewsville
May 20	Robert Norman Bentley	Newport	Melissa Jean Edwards	Newport
May 20	Robert George Cote	Newport	Shoshana Juliana Stern	Newport
May 27	Gregory Alan Manseau	Newport	Linda Jean Clayton	Newport
Jun 03	John Irving Avery III	Newport	Michelle Lea Davis	Newport
Jun 03	Ronald Maynard Miller Jr	Newport	Lisa Renee Kainu	Newport
Jun 10	Christopher A Mathews	Newport	Cassandra Jo Raptis	Newport
Jun 17	Edward Joseph Page	Newport	Cherie Michelle Barter	Newport
Jun 24	Robert Thomas King Jr	Newport	Kara Anne Kane	Newport
Jun 24	Eugene Edmond Cote Jr	Newport	Paula Marie Wright	Newport
Jun 24	Bryan Francis Bartley	Newport	Tammi Lynn Mead	Newport
Jul 01	Chad Raymon Colby	Newport	Emily Jane Cadenhead	Newport
Jul 04	John Jennings Hisel	Newport	Tammy L Quimby	Newport
Jul 04	Charles Richard Irwin	Cambridge, Ma	Ann-Marie Madden	Jamaica Plain Ma
Jul 04	Andrew J Miller	Newport	Valerie M Payette	Newport

1995 Marriages (continued)

Jul 15	Alan George Patenaude	Newport	Sherry Ann Leclair	Newport
Jul 15	Jason S Fish	Newport	Paula L Bunnell	Newport
Jul 22	Keith Don Swasey	Newport	Shannonmarie W Manning	Newport
Jul 29	William Robert Hamilton	Newport	Angelique Kainu	Newport
Jul 29	Christopher Jon Stanhope	Claremont	Karen Ann Sirosky	Newport
Aug 05	Christophe I Bagdasarian	Escanaba, MI	Catherine Renee Berube	Newport
Aug 05	Donald Marcelle King Jr	Newport	Rebecca Anne Hertzler	Newport
Aug 12	Timothy Robert Naumann	Bayshore, NY	Heidi Gail Manning	Bayshore, NY
Aug 26	Stephen Robert Jacobsen	Newport	Tameson Lynn Sarty	Grafton
Aug 26	Peter Fiske Hill	Newport	Jennifer Schroeder	Newport
Aug 27	Floyd Thomas Deyo	Newport	Susan Louise King	Hollis
Sep 02	Morgan John Menard	Jacksonville NC	Jessica Ann King	Newport
Sep 09	Robert E Cothran II	Newport	Laureen Ansart	Newport
Sep 23	Anthony Josef Mann	Newport	Deborah Lynn Collins	Newport
Sep 30	Edward Chile LaQuire Jr	Newport	Josephine E Nugent	Newport
Sep 30	Michael John Demeis	Newport	Kristi Lee Caron	Newport
Oct 07	Kevin Arthur Kemp	Newport	Amy Marie West	Newport
Oct 07	Allen William Bullis Jr	Newport	Linda Lou Churchill	Newport
Oct 08	Robert Michael Misita Jr	Silver Spring	Karen Sue Demayo	Silver Spring, MD
Oct 28	Richard Arthur Clogston	Newport	Debra Ann Hurd	Newport
Nov 18	Richard Allen Heino	Unity	Saralee Jude	Newport
Nov 19	Paul F Reilly	Newport	Karen M La Chapelle	Newport
Nov 25	Robert Lee Votaw	Newport	Tracy Lee Couitt	Newport
Dec 16	James R Geschwindner Jr	Newport	Shannon Lynn St Francis	Newport
Dec 25	Michael Joseph Bourque	Newport	Patricia E Connor	Newport

1995 Deaths Registered with the Town Clerk, Newport, New Hampshire

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Jan 3	Clifford W Whalen	New London	Henry Whalen	Sadie Griffin
Jan 16	Antigoni Souliotis	Newport	Fotios Tampasis	Anastasia Basilopoulou
Jan 19	Mildred E Kendall	New London	Irving Fisk	Mary Simonds
Jan 20	Norman A Baron	Newport	Alfred Baron	Evelina Descoteau
Jan 21	Jennie K Moulton	Newport	Elbridge Smith	Mary Currier
Jan 27	Vera Drake	New London	William Bezanson	Ethel Rawding
Jan 30	Ruth N Farrington	Claremont	Herman E Gerber	Nellie G Randall
Jan 31	Bertha York	Lebanon	Wells York	Caroline Simms
Feb 9	Marie J Mayville	New London	Unknown	Unknown
Feb 16	Jules J Pellerin	Newport	Moise Pellerin	Augustine Lemay
Mar 5	Margaret G Tappen	Newport	Michael Tappen	Lydia Jones
Mar 7	John S C Peck Jr	New London	John S C Peck Sr	Polly Rowland
Mar 11	Richard Dougherty	Newport	Unknown	Edith Pennington
Mar 18	Harry Vaios Spanos	Newport	Vaios Spanos	Mary Stassos
Mar 28	Marguerite E Perkins	Newport	Hiram J Sweet	Katie G Smith
Apr 8	Frank L Luck	Warner	Robert Luck	Nellie Swim
Apr 11	Kenneth G Lavigne Sr	Newport	Mose Lavigne	Flora White
Apr 19	Robert A Leighton	Newport	Albion Leighton	Rena Cummings
Apr 23	David A Richardson	Claremont	Edward F Richardson	Geraldine Demars
Apr 23	Owen G Porter Jr	Lebanon	Owen G Porter Sr	Elouine Sanborn
Apr 27	Kenneth D Bushway	Lebanon	Leon Bushway	Bernice Russell
May 1	Mary Ann Boisvert	Newport	Clayton Gobin	Rebecca Waterman
May 10	Donald R Armstrong	Lebanon	Charles Armstrong	Alcie Rollins
May 12	Reginald A Leland	Newport	Raymond Leland	Euphemia Demange
May 12	Ronald R Sirois	Newport	Joseph O Sirois	Marguerite Gendron
Jun 4	Cleona Ella Dupont	New London	Cleon Johnson Sr	Ida Ford
Jun 6	Phyllis G Barber	Lebanon	Lucky Glynn	Elizabeth Hart
Jun 10	Elsie J Gregory	Newport	Dan Gregory	Doris Manosh

Jun 26	Alonzo R Morse	Newport	Frank Morse	Ida Bruce
Jul 5	Elizabeth MacWilliams	Newport	Linn E Hornbeck	Carrie Coffin
Jul 27	Pauline J Bartlett	Newport	Salvatore Fiorey	Georgina J Allbee
Jul 29	Ronald E Durgin	Newport	John D Durgin	Lula Boutwell
Aug 2	Nellie Gray Tafe	Newport	George Nugent	Addie Smith
Aug 9	Margaret B Smet	New London	George Brannen	Edith Wickens
Aug 15	Onni Eric Matson	Lebanon	Kaarlo Matson	Helga Poti
Aug 15	James J Whalen Jr	Lebanon	James Whalen	Ruth Hutchenson
Aug 20	Peter W Wiggins	Newport	Frank Wiggins	Celestine Kennedy
Aug 30	Margaret F Westermann	Newport	David Babcock	Marie Jennings
Sep 10	Mary Elida Akkola	Newport	Victor Sjoblom	Mary Borg
Sep 24	Alfred J Daniels	Lebanon	Alfred L Daniels	Rose Provencher
Oct 3	Elizabeth G Flanders	Newport	Moody Gillingham	Nellie Blodgett
Oct 8	Ines Ferriter	Newport	Thomas Lausi	Evelyn Casillo
Oct 18	Sarah Hicks	Newport	Fred F Knight	Alice Nimblet
Oct 19	Elizabeth R Poupart	Newport	Milton Reed	Georgie Gordon
Oct 27	Lawrence C Bellinger	Newport	Merton L Bellinger	Dolly M Sleeman
Oct 31	Mary E Young	Newport	John Meier	Anne Lawler
Nov 5	William J Roth Sr	Newport	John Roth	Augusta Jammer
Nov 11	Richard D Dent	Newport	Wilfrid H Dent	Lulu G Williamson
Nov 14	Mary E Barker	New London	Harold Barker	Lucy Barton
Nov 22	Joseph H Allard	Newport	Laurent Allard	Mary Grandet
Nov 22	Patricia J Weller	Lebanon	James R Weller	Marion Davis
Nov 23	Martha E Oldenbrook	Newport	Michael Burke	Maud Sauer
Nov 30	Gordon R Houston	Newport	Charles V Houston	Irene J Oakman
Dec 1	Frederick W Aiken	Newport	William F Aiken	Bessie Snow
Dec 1	Mildred A Decker	Newport	William Herrgen	Naomi Bergeron
Dec 8	Ruth Lois Motschman	Lebanon	Edward Smith	Nellie Barton
Dec 9	Ina Amanda Hurd	Newport	Askar Matson	Ida Kartima
Dec 19	Arthur Sidney Miller	New London	Clyce Miller	Mary Duffy

Special Town Meeting — March 14, 1995

It was voted to appropriate the sum of $918,815 for rehabilitation of low and moderate income housing units, water and sewer line replacement and related roadway reconstruction, $30,390 to come from the General Fund surplus, $99,250 from the Water Fund surplus, $214,175 from the Sewer Fund surplus, $10,000 from the Neighborhood Improvement Fund surplus, and $565,000 from a Community Development Block Grant.

Voting Results
1995 Warrant Articles — May 9, 1995

Article 1	Elected Sharon MacDonald and Gary Nichols Selectmen for three year term.
Article 2	Elected Robert Collins Selectman for one year term.
Article 3	Elected Louise Hastings Trustee of Trust Fund for three year term and all other officers, auditors, agents and committees be left for appointment by selectmen.
Article 4	Voted to increase the Historic District Commission to seven members.
Article 5	Defeated this Article concerning a new police facility.
Article 6	Voted to direct Selectmen to petition court to instruct Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District to follow relevant agreements and the laws of the State of New Hampshire.
Article 7	Voted to continue the Solid Waste Study Committee's efforts to monitor Newport's relationship with the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District.
Article 8	Voted authorization for Selectmen to dispose of its surplus equipment.
Article 9	Voted to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deed.
Article 10	Voted to continue the Newport Fire Department under the requirements of NH RSA 154:1(a).
Article 11	Voted approval of cost items including in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Newport Police Union. For 1996 - $8,983 and for 1997 - $11,218.
Article 12	Voted $15,000 to be placed in the Earned Time Trust, for funding termination payments.

Article 13 Voted to create a Town Trust Fund for funding the negotiation and settlement with the Town bargaining units.

Article 14 Voted budget of $4,620,680.

Article 15 Voted $16,555 for Finance Dept. computer replacement.

Article 16 Voted $13,500 for a recorder for Police Department.

Article 17 Voted $15,000 for repair of fire station roof.

Article 18 Voted $15,000 for replacement of recreation center heating system.

Article 19 Voted $14,175 for replacement of fences at North Newport and Pine Grove cemeteries.

Article 20 Voted $168,600 for rehabilitation and overlay of Oak Street.

Article 21 Voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate $55,000 in this fund for Central Street Reconstruction.

Article 22 Voted $47,000 from Water Fund for purchase of land around Gilman Pond in Unity.

Article 23 Voted $35,000 for costs of replacing or rehabilitating the 2.5M gallon tank.

Article 24 Voted $76,000 for removal of underground fuel storage tanks at the Public Works Garage and Meadow Park, replacement of the waste oil tank at Public Works Garage and removal/replacement of underground fuel storage tank at the airport.

Article 25 Voted to discontinue collecting a resident tax.

Article 26 Voted to approve the Selectmen's conditional layout of Woodhull way as a public street.

Article 27 Voted $10,000 for study, acquisition and/or construction of Police-Emergency Services facility.

Article 28 Adjourned meeting.

Karlene Stoddard, Town Clerk

Special Meeting — July 18, 1995

Voted to pass over the reconsideration of Article 5 from Town Meeting of May 9, 1995, concerning new Police Facility.

Town Hours

Ambulance — Emergency **24 Hour Service**

Ambulance (Office) Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fire Department **24 Hour Service**

Library Arts Center Tuesday - Saturday
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Police Department **24 Hour Service**

Public Works Department Monday - Friday
Cemetery Department 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Highway Department
Water & Sewer Department

Recreation Department Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Recycling Center Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Richards Free Library Mon 1-6 p.m.
Tu & Th 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed & Fr 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sewer Treatment Plant Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Town Municipal Offices Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Finance Department
Tax Department
Town Clerk
Town Manager
Welfare Department

Town Office of Planning & Zoning Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Newport, NH Municipal Telephone List

EMERGENCY — POLICE — FIRE — AMBULANCE		**9-1-1**
Airport	**Parlin Field**	**863-1220**
Ambulance Billing	**Billing Clerk**	**863-1360**
Appeals & Variance	**Planning & Zoning**	**863-6278**
Assessments	**Assessing Clerk**	**863-6407**
Auto Registrations	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
Birth Certificates	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
Building Permits	**Planning & Zoning**	**863-6278**
Cemetery/burials	**Cemetery Dept.**	**863-8013**
Death Certificates	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
Dog Complaints	**Police Department**	**863-3240**
Emergency Management	**Director**	**863-2416**
Finances	**Finance Director**	**863-1360**
Fire Department	**Business Phone**	**863-1416**
Fishing/Hunting Licenses	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
Gun Permits	**Police Department**	**863-3240**
Health	**Health Officer**	**863-5577**
Highways	**Public Works Dept.**	**863-3650**
Landfill (coupons)	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
Landfill Questions	**Claremont Public Works**	**542-7020**
Library	**Richards Free Library**	**863-3430**
Library Arts Center		**863-3040**
Marriage Licenses	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
Planning & Subdivision	**Planning & Zoning**	**863-6278**
Police Department	**Business Phone**	**863-3240**
Police Department	**FAX**	**863-1372**
Property Tax Bills	**Tax Department**	**863-6407**
Public Works	**Public Works Dept.**	**863-3650**
Recreation & Parks	**Community Center**	**863-1332**
Resident Tax	**Tax Dept.**	**863-6407**
Rubbish Disposal	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
<u>Schools</u>:	**Superintendent, Eliz. Durocher**	**863-3540**
Newport High School	**863-2414**	**Richards Elementary 863-3710**
Towle Elementary	**863-2050**	**Sugar Rvr Val Tech Ctr 863-3759**
School Buses		**863-1007**
Senior Citizens	**Senior Center**	**863-3177**
Sewage Treatment	**Treatment Plant**	**863-4338**
Sewer Department	**Public Works Dept.**	**863-4271**
Streets	**Public Works Dept.**	**863-3650**
Town Manager	**Daniel P. O'Neill**	**863-1877**
Town Manager	**FAX #**	**863-8009**
Voting Registration	**Town Clerk**	**863-2224**
Water & Sewer Bills	**Billing Clerk**	**863-1360**
Water Service	**Public Works Dept.**	**863-3650**
Welfare	**Welfare Department**	**863-1360**
Zoning	**Planning & Zoning**	**863-6278**

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings

All meetings are held in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, 15 Sunapee Street unless otherwise indicated.

Airport Commission 1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Advisory Committee Meetings scheduled January-March
Time and Location T/B/A

Conservation Commission 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Meets in Lobby

Economic Corp. of Newport (ECON) 3rd Monday at noon
Lake Sunapee Savings Bank Board Room

Historic District Commission Feb., May, Sept., Nov., 1st Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Planning Board 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Police Facility Committee 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Recreation Advisory Board Sept.-May, Last Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Meets at Rec Center on Belknap Avenue

Water/Sewer Commission Last Wednesday
Jan., April, July, October at 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Adjustment 4th Thursday
October - April at 6:30 p.m.
May - September at 7:30 p.m.

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